

Expectations for Those on the King's Mission

Matthew 10:16-42

Thesis: Jesus, the Great Shepherd-King, sends His people out on mission as sheep among wolves. Therefore, all of Christ's followers will experience persecution of some kind, but can completely trust in His sovereign care in the process.

I. The Shepherd-King Sends Out His Sheep in Midst of Wolves (16-23)

- A. Sheep must be wise as serpents & innocent as doves
- B. Sheep will be persecuted
- C. Sheep must persevere to the end to be saved
- D. Sheep recognize that the need exceeds the persecution

II. The King's Disciples Will Be Treated Like they Treated Him (24-25)

- A. Understanding our place as disciples
- B. Disciples should expect to be treated like Jesus

III. The King's Disciples Must Put the Fear of Man to Death (26-33)

- A. Fear God, not man! (26-28)
- B. God is not just to be feared, but trusted (29-31)
- C. We must acknowledge Jesus before others (32-33)

IV. The King Demands Complete Allegiance (34-39)

- A. Final peace will not come until Jesus' second coming
- B. Jesus first coming naturally divides people
- C. Allegiance to King Jesus over all competing allegiances

V. The King's Missionaries and Eternal Destination (40-42)

- A. The one who receives Jesus' missionaries, receives Jesus
- B. Actions toward Jesus' missionaries points to eternal destination