

Matthew 10:5-10 The Sending Out of the Twelve

Introduction: In our text Jesus sends out the twelve apostles to preach to the people of Israel. Our text deals with five divisions of thought.

I. The messengers. Verse 5a

- A. These twelve, with the exception of Judas, were already saved and already called of God to preach.
- B. They did not just arbitrarily decide to preach: the Lord God called them to preach.

II. The mission field. Verses 5-6

- A. They were not to go into the way (roadway) of the Gentiles.
- B. They were allowed to go into the roadway of the Samaritans but not into their cities. Verse 5. (Could pass through.)
- C. They were to go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Not to the Israelites in Assyria, Babylonia, etc.)
- D. Not that Jesus was disinterested in the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but He had promised the gospel first to the nation of Israel.

III. The message. Verse 7

- A. They were to preach about the coming of Messiah King.
- B. They were to explain that Jesus is the Messiah.
- C. They were to explain that the miracles of Jesus gave evidence that He is the Messiah.
- D. They were to appeal to the people to repent and to trust Jesus.

IV. The miraculous signs. Verse 8

- A. Jesus' power to perform miracles showed that He is no ordinary man: His power to enable twelve ordinary men to do similar miracles also proved Him to be no ordinary man.
- B. Jesus has given me no such power; neither has He given such power to anybody else today.
- C. Men today falsely claim to do miracles and it is difficult for people to disprove their claim.
 - 1. They lay hands on the sick and proclaim them healed and it is difficult for a bystander to know if they have really healed
 - 2. Give him a dead person to raise; there will be no problem knowing if he raises the dead.
 - 3. If he cannot raise the dead, he does not have the same power as the apostles.

V. The material support of the messengers. Verses 9-10

- A. These men were not to have to support themselves.
 - 1. They were not to take money with them.
 - 2. They were not to take scrip (bag) with food nor extra supplies.
 - 3. They were not to take extra coat, shoes, staff, etc.
- B. Jesus expected the people whom they served to support them. Verse 10b
- C. He expected the apostles to teach the people to support them.
- D. If the people did not do it then the Lord would hold them accountable to Him.
- E. If they did a good job of supporting His men the Lord was pleased

Conclusion: The Lord was especially interested in those who were lost and hell bound. He still is today.

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