

Matthew 10:24-25 More Like the Master

Introduction: The apostles were sent out to preach the gospel and win souls. This they would like. But as they preached, they would meet persecution. This they would not like. But they were to preach anyway.

I. They disciple not above the master, Verse 24a.

- A. The word “disciple” means “student, pupil, follower.”
- B. The word “master” means “teacher, instructor.”
- C. The idea is that they students had to suffer with their instructor.
 - 1. Many teachers were unpopular because they taught ideas which were unpopular.
 - 2. Those who persecuted them also persecuted their students.
 - 3. But their students often considered it a privilege to suffer in order to learn at their feet.
- D. Jesus is our master, our teacher, our instructor.

II. The servant, not above his Lord, Verse 24b.

- A. The servant in this text is a slave-servant.
(As most servants were in those days.)
- B. The lord was the slave owner, a slave-lord.
(He bought and paid for the slave; he was his owner.)
- C. It is the slaves task to do the work of the lord.
- D. Whatever attack was made on the lord was made also on the slaves.
(If the lord was attacked, the slaves could certainly expect to also be attacked.)
- E. Jesus is our Lord, our owner, and we can expect to be persecuted as sure as He was persecuted. (We serve Him not because of His might, but because of His love. He bought us with His blood.)

III. It is enough to be like the master, Verse 25a.

- A. Student's often patterned their lives after their teacher.
 - 1. They tried to learn all he knew; to think like he thought.
 - 2. They tried to live their lives like he lived.
 - 3. So should the saved pattern our thinking and our lives after Jesus.
 - 4. We are to learn all we can from Him and pattern our lives after him.
- B. Slaves who loved their owners tried to be like them.
(So we should be more and more like Christ.)

IV. An example of Jesus' suffering, Verse 25b.

- A. Jesus did not mention His suffering on the cross because the disciples had not yet seen Him on the cross.
- B. He used an example they had already seen.
 - 1. They had heard the Pharisees call Jesus “Beelzebub.”
 - 2. This was the name of a Philistine false god, the prince of flies.
 - 3. The Philistines prayed to Beelzebub to be rid of flies.
 - 4. Flies are associated with all manner of filth and so the Jews associated Beelzebub with filth.
 - 5. They thus called Jesus the filthiest name they could.
(It was to them equal to calling Him “Satan” with emphasis on filth.)

C. If they so persecuted Jesus, so they will persecute His people.

1. We ought to love Jesus more than our own safety.
2. We ought to love Him more than life itself.
3. Were it not for Jesus we would be hell bound.

Conclusion:

1. I want to challenge every saved person to become more and more like Jesus. (In Bible understanding, in Bible doctrine, in living, in forgiving.)
2. I want to appeal to every saved person to follow the Lord and to serve Him. (He bought us with His blood. Be baptized and live for Him.)
3. If the saved understands what Jesus had done for him – if he understood how much suffering Jesus has spared him from – if he understood how much Jesus has suffered for him – then he would gladly suffer persecution (if need be) for Jesus. He would gladly walk the isle, follow Jesus in baptism and gladly serve Him.
4. I want to appeal to every unsaved person to trust in Jesus Christ and be saved.
5. If the unsaved person understands what Jesus offers to do for him – if he understands that Jesus is offering to keep him out of hell and to take him to heaven – then he will repent of his sins and trust in Jesus. And he would not let any threat of persecution by others stop him.

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