

**Sermon Notes – November 15, 2021**  
**Clear & Present Danger**  
**Mt.10.19-23 - "From Provision to Peace"**  
**Matthew Series: 'THE KING IS COMING' #149**

✚ The greatest blessing of God is worthless  
for a person who will not accept it.  
✚ It is neither wise nor loving  
to be needlessly accusatory or inflammatory.

**Review: SHEEP among WOLVES**

**I. The ANALOGY v.16a**

**II. The ATTITUDE v.16b**

**III. The PERSECUTION vv.17-18**

**1.Persecution by Religion v.17b**

**2. PERSECUTION BY G\_\_\_\_\_ v.18**

It is not because of the sheep themselves but because of their **S**\_\_\_\_\_.

The world attacks us only when it sees Christ in us.

Because the Church is Christ's **B**\_\_\_\_\_, it is faithful believers in the Church who, fill up "*Christ's afflictions*" (Co.1.24).

Saul had not seen Jesus during His earthly ministry, & yet Saul was **P**\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Although government is established by God

- to **P**\_\_\_\_\_ social order,
- it has also become an **I**\_\_\_\_\_ of Satan.

Government is ordained by God but manipulated by Satan.

When its citizens **T**\_\_\_\_\_ **A**\_\_\_\_\_ **F**\_\_\_\_\_ **T**\_\_\_\_\_ **L**\_\_\_\_\_ & His standards,

✚ even the freest & most democratic of governments,

✚ will eventually inhibit the free

- ❖ expression &
- ❖ practice of the Christian faith in hostility to Christ & His Word.

**IV. THE PROVISION vv.19-20**

When accused, the natural reaction is:

- ✓ To speak out in our **O**\_\_\_\_\_ defense,
- ✓ To convince our accusers of our **I**\_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ Those who suffer for Christ will be **D**\_\_\_\_\_ by Christ.
- ✓ God gives special clarity of mind & thought to present a **P**\_\_\_\_\_ testimony.

**V. THE HATRED**

**1. BY FAMILY v.21**

It may be that one day believing parents will kill their children who are false prophets (Ze.13.3).

**2. BY SOCIETY v.22**

Some Christians are not persecuted simply because their testimony is so **W**\_\_\_\_\_.

To **C**\_\_\_\_\_ the world (Ro.1.18) is to **G**\_\_\_\_\_ society's wrath against

- ✓ the Gospel &
- ✓ those who preach it.

Endurance does not produce/protect **S**\_\_\_\_\_ - which is totally the work of God's grace.

Endurance is **E**\_\_\_\_\_ of salvation, proof that a person is truly redeemed and a child of God.  
(Mt.24.13; Jn.8.31; I Co.15.1-2; Co.1.21-23; He.2.1-3; 4.14; 6.11-12; 10.39; 12.14; II Pe.1.10)

Nothing is more spiritually purifying and strengthening than **P**\_\_\_\_\_ (Ja.1.12).

We can count on such unshakable endurance. (Ro.8.35,37-39) - because God's Word assures us that absolutely nothing can **S**\_\_\_\_\_ us from Christ.

## **VI. THE RESPONSE v.23**

Persecution is **N**\_\_\_\_\_ to be sought or endured for its own sake.  
Paul left a place when his **E**\_\_\_\_\_ there ceased.

The disciples knew that Jesus was their **O**\_\_\_\_\_ resource, (Jn.15.5).

Jesus continually turned nature into one grand **P**\_\_\_\_\_ of God's sovereignty, power, and love.

- ❖ He not only **T**\_\_\_\_\_ them, but
- ❖ He **C**\_\_\_\_\_ for them,
- ❖ **L**\_\_\_\_\_ them, &
- ❖ **P**\_\_\_\_\_ for them.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The Lord would indeed send the twelve out among wolves. He promised to send His own Spirit to indwell, empower, & encourage them.

*"I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart;  
I have overcome the world"* (Jn.16.33)