

SERMON NOTES
Mt.10.24-31 - "Refuse to be Silent"
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I. EMULATE the EXAMPLE [A Disciple is Like Jesus] vv.24-25

II. REFUSE to be SILENT [A DISCIPLE DOES NOT FEAR THE WORLD] vv.26–31

✚ Our culture has produced an unacceptable "softness" among evangelicals.

FEAR, REALIZE, & BELIEVE – GOD VINDICATES, VENERATES & VALUES

1. FEAR THE HEAVENLY JUDGE MORE THAN EARTHLY PROSECUTORS [GOD VINDICATES] vv.26–27

➤ Believers should never be afraid of the world because they know God will one day vindicate them.

The world is highly successful at illusion & deception.

Why should we worry about unpopularity in this life when...

The disciple's perspective should be God's perspective.

In God's eternal view He already sees the final outcome of every life.

There are to be no secrets in Christianity.

What the Lord has made known to us, we are to make known to others.

The world will invariably be offended because it will stand accused.

Unbelievers are offended when told they are sinners under God's judgment & destined for hell.

2. REALIZE GOD KNOWS ABOUT YOUR SUFFERING [GOD VENERATES] v.28

Fear is used here in two senses.

- The first has to do with fright & terror, while
- the second has to do with awe & veneration.

Satan himself cannot touch the soul, the eternal person.

The lost will not cease to exist, but in their resurrected bodies (Mt.25.46).

A believer is not in danger of having his soul & body cast into hell - his eternal destiny is heaven.

Reverence of God in His sovereign majesty is a powerful motivation for Christians ...

Believers revered God more than they feared man during the most intense persecutions.

"They feared man so little because they feared God so much."

3. BELIEVE THAT GOD CARES ABOUT YOUR SUFFERING [GOD VALUES] vv.29–31

Jesus assures the twelve, & all believers that they are dear to their heavenly Father.

✚ How can we be anxious and fearful, knowing of such care & protection by our heavenly Father?