



Matthew 10:24-33

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

26 Therefore **do not fear them**. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known.

27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

28 And **do not fear** those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 **Do not fear therefore**; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATIONS

1. Three times in this short section of Scripture Jesus encourages His followers “**do not fear.**” What fears keep you from confessing your faith to others?
2. In verses 24-26 Jesus deals with the fear of slander. What is slander and why can it produce so much fear in our lives?
3. Have you ever been slandered? How did it make you feel and how did you respond to it? When you’re slandered again in the future how would you respond differently?
4. We find this principle in Scripture: if you take care of your character you can trust God to take care of your reputation. Do you believe that? If so, why is this truth so liberating?
5. Jesus encourages us not to be afraid of those who can do physical harm and even kill us (vs. 27-31). How does the fear of God free you from the fear of people? And why is truth important to you?
6. It’s been said that a martyr dies once but a disciple dies daily. How are you presently dying to yourself? Is there an area of your life that you find difficult to surrender to Christ?