

PERSONAL EVANGELISM #2 - REJECT THE FEAR OF MAN

MATTHEW 10:26-33

Too often we concern ourselves with maintaining "good favor" with the lost. If we "fear" them, we can't WIN them.

I. THE COST OF FEAR

- A. Fear cost greatly in the talents - MATT. 25:24-28
 - 1. God gives us talents and we use them for HIM
 - 2. Usury: A great salesman tithes or becomes a great preacher of the Gospel? Which is greater?
- B. Peter sank in water because of fear - MATT. 14:28-30
- C. Disciples afraid of Paul and doubted - ACTS 9:26
- D. God doesn't use the fearful soldiers - JUDGES 7:3
- E. Adam and Eve hid for fear - GEN. 3:10

II. ACT WITHOUT FEAR

- A. Our text proves that fear has no point or place
 - 1. God knows everything (hearts) - MATT. 10:29-31
 - 2. What's best for a friend? Heaven or Hell?
 - 3. Persecution will come - MATT. 10:22, 24
- B. Not peace but a sword - MATT. 10:34-39
 - 1. Persecution should NEVER be surprising
 - 2. Neither can we compromise with the world
 - 3. We must pick a side - JAMES 4:4
- C. Don't worry about "making a mistake" in witnessing
 - 1. We have no call to speculate about unknowns
 - 2. We have EVERY call to tell what we know
 - 3. Truth even if they DON'T believe JOHN 3:11-12
- D. We are in GOD'S HAND!

III. BENEFITS OF FEARLESSNESS

- A. No need to be careful (worried and afraid) DAN. 3:16
 - 1. BUT IF NOT - follow God and let Him WORK
 - 2. The results are not our concern!
- B. Just follow the LIGHT - PSA. 119:105
 - 1. Don't pay any attention to the darkness beyond
 - 2. If you're looking at the world and the dangers, then you aren't looking at the GUIDE.

CONCLUSION: The Christian can safely TRUST in God's watch care. We need neither fear nor worry but simply follow the leadership of God and His Word (Lamp unto my feet and Light unto my Path)