

Matthew's Gospel

Chapter 10

Second major discourse:

1. Sermon on the Mount (ch.5-7)
- 2. Announcement of the Kingdom (ch10)**
3. Kingdom Parables (ch.13)
4. "House Rules" (ch.18)
5. End Times (ch.24-25)

2 Kings 4:29 He said to Gehazi, "Tie up your garment and take my staff in your hand and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child."

Acts 18:6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

Major Differences from today's presentation of the Gospel:

- Authority to heal every kind of disease**
- Do not go to the Gentiles, but to Israel only**
- Message: The Gospel of the Kingdom**
- Take no supplies**
- Stay as guests of others**
- Do not charge for your services**

Luke 22:36 He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one."

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

"The Holy One, blessed is He, said with regard to Israel, 'Toward Me they are as innocent as a dove, but toward the idolatrous nations of the world seeking to undermine their devotion to Me they are as clever as serpents.'"

(Midrash Rabbah - Shir Hashirim 2.30)

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

"Did God actually say...?"

Genesis 8:8-9 Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. ⁹ But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him.

Q: Why, if we are serving God, should we experience such pain and distress?!

A: v.24-25

SERVANT + STUDENT = MAN OF GOD

#1 - "Do not fear..." (v.26-27) = All will be revealed (No one gets away with anything. And no good deed goes unrewarded.)

#2 - "Do not fear..." (v.28-29) = They can do no permanent damage. (But God's judgment stands.)

"destroy" = απολλυμι "to lose" (v.42) / "come to nothing" (1 cor.1:19)

1 Corinthians 1:19 For it is written, "I will **destroy** the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

#3 - "Do not fear..." (v.31-33) = You are of great worth to God (contrary to what others say and you may think)

Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Mark 16:7 But go, tell his disciples **and Peter** that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."