

Review / Introduction:

1. Our theme is following and proclaiming Christ with boldness and courage, *Matthew 10:27...*
2. There will be suffering for Christ's sake, *II Corinthians 1:5-6; Philippians 3:10; I Peter 4:13...*
3. The Christian must be courageous because...

I. The Disciple is not Above His Teacher... vs. 24-25**A. The Disciple Cannot be Above His Teacher by Definition...**

1. Generally speaking...
2. Consider Christ's disciples...

Observation:**B. Nor a Servant Above His Master...****Observation:****C. He Can Expect to Suffer...**

1. Consider the uniqueness of Christ's sufferings...
2. How we share in His sufferings... *John 8:45-48*

- Observation: 1. Suffering for Christ's sake should not surprise us... *John 15:18-21 cf. Hebrews 12:3; I Peter 2:21*
2. It is part of our calling... *Philippians 1:29; I Peter 4:14-16*
3. It is for a purpose... *James 1:2ff cf. I Peter 1:6-7*

D. The Disciple is Content in Suffering... vs. 25

1. It is enough...
2. Are we satisfied? *Acts 5:40-41*

- Observations:**
1. Christ does not send us in our own strength to suffer... *Hebrews 13:5-6*
 2. It is part of the "all things" of Romans 8:28
 3. *They work our sanctification...*
 4. *They have a triumphant outcome... Romans 8:18ff*

II. One Day the Truth Will be Completely Vindicated... vs. 26-27**A. Everything will be mad right...** *Matthew 12:36; 13:40-43; 16:27***Observation:** *Psalm 37:6***B. Disciples Must be Fearless Proclaimers...** vs. 27

- Observation:**
1. We should not hold back...
 2. Consider the real reason we are often timid... *Isaiah 51:12*
 3. Be careful of mis-guided zeal...

III. Man's Power is Limited... vs. 28

A. Fear not... a word in season...

B. Have faith... Proverbs 28:1 cf. II Corinthians 3:12

C. Disciples are forbidden to fear... Romans 8:28

D. Fear God Only... Isaiah 10:18

Application: