

The Gospel of Matthew #88

DON'T BE AFRAID

Matthew 10:26-31

Persecution & Progress until the Parousia

Yes, there will be persecution and opposition. But do not be afraid. Three reasons:

I. The truth will be _____ in the _____ : v26-27

Two ways:

A. God will expose: all secrets will be revealed (v26)
Abusers, persecutors and their victims...
Who was right and who was wrong...

B. You must tell: proclaim what you hear from Jesus (v27)
Do not be ashamed to proclaim His precious truths;
they will be vindicated in the end

II. Fear _____ ; and you will **not** fear

_____ : v28
The worst people can do to you is kill your body
God controls your *eternal* destiny
Who appears larger to you: God or people?

III. You are more _____ to your heavenly Father than you can possibly realize: v29-31

A. _____

B. _____

If He bothers to know the number of your hairs each moment, how can you think He does not know or care about what is making you fearful?

You are "worth more...": worth even the precious blood of His Son...
Paul's argument in the midst of daily life-threatening persecution: Romans 8:31-39: nothing in all creation is able to separate you from the love of God!

What are you afraid of?