The Disciple And His Master

Matthew 10:24-31

Intro:

A. Jesus taught the twelve about their being Apostles and family relationships.
   1. "...brother shall deliver up brother to death..."  v.21
   2. "and the father the child..."
   3. "and the children shall rise up against parents."
   4. Would Saul of Tarsus have done any of these?

B. Jesus taught them that all men would hate them.
   1. Because of this they should endure until that episode has passed by.  V.23
   2. Peter did not endure until the crucifixion of Jesus was completed. Because of this he did not save his life for Christ for those hours. He will never be rewarded for his denial.

I. The Disciple And His Master.

A. "The disciple is not above his master,..."  v.24
   1. disciple = μαθητης = "a follower," "one who follows both the teacher and teaching"
   2. above = υπερ = "over-beyond"
   3. master = διδασκαλος = "a teacher of disciples"
   4. "The learner is not superior to his teacher" - Wey

B. "...nor the servant above his lord."
   1. servant = δουλος = "a slave, one bound to serve."
   2. above = (See A,2)
   3. lord = κυριος = might, mighty, ruler, owner.
   4. "neither is a slave over and beyond his owner"

C. "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord."  V.25
   1. "The pupil should be satisfied to become like his teacher."
2. "The slave is what his owner is."

D. The house and the inhabitants. V.25b
1. Beelzebub = "prince of demons," "Satan"
2. If they call the owner of the house Satan, what do you think they will call those who live in the same house?"

II. Don’t Fear, The Truth Will Out.

A. "Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed:" v.26a
1. fear = φοβεῖν = "to strike with fear"
2. covered = καλυπτόν = "to cover with a thing"
3. revealed = αποκαλύπτον = "to remove the covering or the veil," "to expose to open view"

B. "...and hid that shall not be known." V.26b
1. hid = κρυπτός = "covered for purposes of concealment."
2. known = γίνομαι = "to perceive," "to obtain a knowledge of or insight into."

C. The judgment of all things is certain.
1. Jesus will be the judge. John 5:22,30
2. By the Bible.
3. According to one’s works. 1 Peter 1:17
4. All secrets will be judged. Romans 2:16
5. All men shall be judged. Hebrews 9:27, 12:23
6. Every knee shall bow.

III. The Lord’s Will For The Apostles.

A. "What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in the light..." v.27a
1. "...you must utter in the open" - Mof
2. "...you must repeat in broad daylight..." - NEB
3. These were not truths spoken in confidence or for their ears only. They were to learn everything that Jesus taught and then herald those truths.

B. "...and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops." V.27b
1. "whatever you learn from me..."
2. preach = κηρύσσω = "to proclaim publicly"
3. The housetop was not an unusual place to use as a place of advantage to herald a message.

IV. They Must Not Allow Fear To Stop Them.

A. They should know whom not to fear. V.28a
1. "fear not them which kill the body"
2. "but are not able to kill the soul..."
3. fear = φοβέω = "to strike with fear"
4. kill = ἀποκτείνω = "to condemn to death"
5. able = δυναμαι = "to have power"
6. soul = ψυχη = "breath as the sign of life," "that which is identified as going to the grave"

B. They should know whom to fear. V.28b
1. "...but rather fear him..."
2. "...which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."
3. destroy = ἀπολλυμι = "to destroy utterly"
4. hell = γεννα = The valley of Hinnom. The scene of Moloch worship. The later use of burning carrion. This was used to portray the notion of a of a devouring fire of judgment which never was extinguished.

V. They Should Not Fear Because Of Their Value.

A. Jesus uses two things to teach them their worth as Apostles.
1. Two sparrows are sold for a farthing (a penny) and the Father sees one fall to the ground. V.29
2. The hairs of their head are numbered. V.30

B. "Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." V.31
1. value = διαφέρω = "to bear or carry through", hence, "to be different from", "to be other than."
2. "Cease to be afraid of those who can sentence you to death!" "You are totally different from sparrows."

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3. The Apostles are men with souls, not sparrows. As such they are worth more than many sparrows.
4. Jesus does not promise them that they will not be harmed but that they will not be harmed without notice.