

The Twelve Are Sent Forth

Matthew 10:1-15

Intro:

- A. **The preaching of the Kingdom in chronology.**
 - 1. John the Baptist preached it.
 - 2. Jesus preached it.
 - 3. Now, twelve more will preach it.

- B. **Jesus has described the circumstances. 9:37**
 - 1. The harvest truly is plenteous.
 - 2. The laborers are few.

- C. **Jesus had been moved with compassion. 9:36**
 - 1. He saw that the multitudes were weary.
 - 2. He was them scattered.

- D. **Jesus enlarges the number of workers. V.1**
 - 1. called = προσκαλεω = "to call to one's self"
 - 2. disciples = μαθητης = "a learner", "one who follows both the teacher and the teaching."
 - 3. gave = διδομι = "to give freely"
 - 4. power = εξουσια = "delegated authority," "liberty."
 - 5. unclean = ακαθαρτος = "unpurified," "unatoned as in a Levitical sense."
 - 6. cast out = εκβαλλω = "to throw out"
 - 7. heal = θεραπευω = "to take care of the sick"
 - 8. sickness = νοσος = "confirmed disease"
 - 9. disease = μαλακια = "incipient complaint"

- E. **The twelve are chosen and sent.**
 - 1. vs.2-4
 - 2. Mark 3:14 = ordained = ποιω = "to cause"
 - 3. Luke 6:13 - "whom he also named apostles."

- I. Jesus Tells Them Where Not To Go.
 - A. **"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them saying," v.5**
 - 1. sent forth = αποστειλλω = "to equip and dispatch upon a certain mission", "commission."

2. commanded = παραγγελλω = "to announce beside or near to anyone", "to give the word," "give orders." Acts 10:42

B. "...Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:"

1. "Don't turn off into any of the heathen roads..." - Phi
2. The Samaritans were a mixed group.

II. Jesus Tells Them Where To Go And What To Do.

A. "But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." V.6

1. Matthew 15:24 - "a woman of Canaan..."
2. Acts 3:25-26
3. Matthew 21:43 - "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you."

B. "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. V.7

1. preach = κηρυσσω = "to be a herald," "proclaim"
2. "The reign of heaven is near..." - Mof

C. What they were to do.

1. "Heal the sick"
2. "Cleanse the lepers."
3. "raise the dead"
4. "cast out devils"
5. freely = δωρεαν = "as a free gift."

III. Personal Provisions For The Preachers.

A. The things not to take. V.9

1. gold, silver, or even copper money.
2. No bag, extra coat or extra shoes, or a staff. V.10a.

B. The preachers pay. V.10b

1. workman = εργατης = "a laborer"
2. worthy = αξιος = "worth", "deserving"
3. 1 Corinthians 9:14 - "...they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel..."

IV. The Plan For The Preachers.

A. A place to stay. V.11

1. "inquire who in it is worthy"
2. Go into any city or town, ask who is deserving, and make his house your home as long as you are in the city or town.
3. inquire = εξετάζω = "to examine," "to question"

B. A place to teach. V.12

1. salute = ασπάζομαι = "to draw to one's self," "to embrace", "to greet."
2. "...say, may peace be on this house." - Bas
3. They decide to hear or not to hear the words of truth. Hearing makes them worthy. **V.13**

C. Those who are not worthy. V.14

1. receive = δεχομαι = "to take to one's self what is presented or brought by another", "to admit hospitably". It implies a subjective reception showing that a decision of the will has taken place with respect to the object offered.
2. hear = ακουω = to listen, to learn by hearing.
3. "shake off the dust of your feet."

D. God will judge those who will not hear. V.15

1. "and whosoever shall not receive you..."
2. tolerable = ανεκτος = "endurable", "supportable."
3. Sodom and Gomorra will have a more supportable argument for what they did than these cities will for what they have done.

V. Are These Examples For Us To Follow?

A. No. This was for one time and one place.

1. It was very limited in its geographical scope.
2. It was brief in its existence.
3. It was specific in its commandments.

B. The commission we labor under is a great deal different.

1. We are not limited geographically.
2. We are not limited ethnically.

3. We are not limited as to times.

