October 4

READ MATTHEW 10–11

CHAPTER 10

AND when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

- 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother;
- 3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
- 4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.
- 5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
- 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.
- 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,
- 10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.
- 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.
- 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.
- 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.
- 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.
- 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.
- 16 ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye

therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

- 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
- 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.
- 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.
- 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.
- 21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their* parents, and cause them to be put to death.
- 22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.
- 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
- 24 The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord.

- 25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall* they call them of his household?
- 26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.
- 27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.
- 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.
- 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.
- 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
- 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

- 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
- 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
- 36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.
- 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.
- 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.
- 40 ¶ He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
- 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
- 42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you,

he shall in no wise lose his reward.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

- 2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,
- 3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?
- 4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:
- 5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.
- 6 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.
- 7 ¶ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?
- 8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses.
 - 9 But what went ye out for to

- see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.
- 10 For this is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.
- 11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
- 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.
- 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.
- 14 And if ye will receive *it*, this is Elias, which was for to come.
- 15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
- 16 ¶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,
- 17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.
- 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.
 - 19 The Son of man came eating

- and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.
- 20 ¶ Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:
- 21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
- 22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.
- 23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.
- 24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.
- 25 ¶ At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things

from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

- 26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.
- 27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.
- 28 ¶ Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- 30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 10 brings us to the end of the first section of Matthew. In this chapter Jesus sends His ambassadors to perform miracles and carry the message of the Kingdom. We must keep in mind that wherever signs are given, we are dealing with the Jews and the message of the Kingdom, for the Jews require a sign (I Corinthians 1:22).

If you apply this entire chapter to the twelve disciples, you will be confused, for in verses 15-23 Jesus spans the ages of time and deals with the message of the Kingdom during the Tribulation Period. This message gives instruction to the disciples in the past (verses 1-15); the disciples of the future Tribulation Period (verses 16-23); and the disciples in service today (verses 24-42). The closing verses indicate the importance of the servant of Christ. He is the representative of Christ. To reject this servant is to reject Christ, as Paul states in II Corinthians 5:20.

In chapter 11 we reach a turning point in the ministry of Christ, as presented by Matthew. The revelation of the King is now complete (chapters 1-10). Now, rebellion against the King begins to appear (chapters 11-13). In this section the Jews rebel against every revelation Christ gave of Himself.

There are several practical points to be learned from chapter 11: (1) Even the greatest men of God get discouraged and have times when their faith seems to falter. John the Baptist was a great servant of God, but he was still a man. Compare the attitude of Paul when he was in prison (see Philippians 1). (2) Our task is to give the Word of God to the people, and not cater to their childish whims. Many times the church tries to please the people of the world, and thus displeases God. To entertain men is sin, but to warn them of hell is to obey God's Word. (3) Sodom,

with all its filth, will have an easier time at the judgment than Capernaum will, with all its religion! The Son of God lived in their midst, yet they rejected Him. The greater the light, the greater the judgment! Privilege brings responsibility, and responsibility always means accountability.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips" (Proverbs 20:19).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 31: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

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ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

THE FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS CONTINUED.

1822

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES BORN.

Let us pause to pray for our President today.

1957

SPUTNIK I WAS LAUNCHED.

Once again we think of the tremendous scientific progress that our nation has made. We must pray for God to help us to catch up with our scientific progress in our spiritual progress. What a pity that man knows so little how to use his knowledge.

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1880

THE BIRTHDAY OF HOMER RODEHEAVER.

Homer Rodeheaver was the famous song leader in the great Billy Sunday campaigns. His contribution to evangelistic music has been tremendous. His contribution to the Billy Sunday meetings and to evangelism in general is beyond imagination.

Once in a meeting, the rain was falling so hard that Billy Sunday could not preach. Rodeheaver sang and sang and sang some more. Still the voice of the preacher could not be heard. Billy Sunday simply rose and motioned with his hands toward the altar. Approximately 400 people came to Jesus Christ.

Let us thank God today for the ministry of Homer Rodeheaver and Gospel musicians everywhere. Let us pray for a trend back to Gospel music in our churches.

1975 ROY W. HARRIS, MY DAD, DIED.

Actually, he isn't dead at all. As someone once said, he is more alive today than he ever was while he was on this earth. My dad had suffered physically with arthritis for several years before his death, and then suffered a stroke and was partially paralyzed

during the last six weeks of his life. As I think of him, I thank God for the parents He gave me, and the upbringing He caused me to experience. There is no greater example of a father than my dad, and when he went to be with the Lord, my mother and my family and I were deeply grief-stricken. A few weeks after his passing, a dear friend of mine wrote a letter in which he said my dad wouldn't want to come back, even if he could. He's with the Lord now. And one day, my mother and father and I will be all reunited. Oh, yes, we'll gather at the river. Praise the name of the Lord Jesus!

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1864

New Orleans Tribune, first black daily newspaper, founded by Dr. Louis C. Roudanez. The newspaper, published in both English and French, started as a triweekly but soon became an influential daily.

National black convention met in Syracuse, New York.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 100

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

David was simply excited about going to God's house, and one day perhaps as he went or as he entered, he penned these beautiful words. Most Sunday school children are required to memorize sometime in their early years Psalm 100.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

This Psalm was chanted on the way into the temple. Notice verse 4, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

This is a processional Psalm. Often the Jews would march in a procession and chant this Psalm as they did. Of course, this processional ended at the house of God, for this is a Psalm to be sung as one goes to and enters into the house of God.

This would be a good Psalm for a family to recite or even sing as they drive to church on Sunday.

It is interesting that there is not one mournful note in this Psalm. It is totally happy as should every Christian be as he enters into the courts of the Lord.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION: FULFILLED PROMISES TO ISRAEL

(Assignment 31)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)
Regathered to their own land. (587 B.C.) () Ezekiel 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. (Fulfilled in 1948.)
Regathered in unbelief. () Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
Regathered after led captve into all nations. (70 A.D. to 1948 A.D.) () Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
Restoration to be permanent. () Amos 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

Restoration will be spiritual.

() Romans 11:26

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.