

Fear God, because:

I. God can destroy both soul and body in _____ (28)

II. Jesus can _____ you before His Father in heaven (32-33)

“The fear of God is the death of every other fear; like a mighty lion, it chases all other fears before it.” –Charles Spurgeon

Isaiah 8:11-13; Proverbs 9:10

DON'T FEAR MEN, FEAR GOD

MATTHEW 10:24-33 | JULY 9, 2023

Don't be surprised by opposition (24-25)

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.” (John 15:18-20)

Don't fear men, because:

I. The truth will be _____ (26-27)

1 Corinthians 4:5; Romans 8:18; Matthew 5:11-12

“Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.” (1 Peter 3:13-17)

II. They can only kill your _____ (28)

III. Your heavenly Father _____ you
(29-31)

Matthew 6:26; 12:11-12

Afraid? Of what?
To feel the spirit's glad release?
To pass from pain to perfect peace,
The strife and strain of life to cease?
Afraid? Of that?

Afraid? Of what?
Afraid to see the Saviour's face,
To hear His welcome, and to trace,
The glory gleam from wounds of grace,
Afraid? Of that?

–E.H. Hamilton, *Afraid of What?* (stanzas 1, 2)

“Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands... (Isaiah 49:16)

“How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?...My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.” (Hosea 11:8)

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32)

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.” (Psalm 91:14-16)

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.” (Psalm 116:15)

