

# What We Should Do In The Face Of Opposition ①

Luke 6:12-19, vs. 11

Intro. [A] The Pharisees believed that Jesus was a blasphemer.

Vs. 7 1. They thought they could convict Him on a charge of breaking the Sabbath.

Vs. 11 2. The ability of Jesus to meet their accusations and negate their arguments with history and scriptures infuriated them.

[B] The actions of Jesus <sup>in the face of opposition</sup> provide us with some valuable lessons.

1. God's work will always have people that love it and those who hate it.

2. In the face of those who despise His work we must continue to fulfill His purpose on earth.

3. Doing God's work God's way will infuriate apostate and perverted religious leaders.

4. Do not make plans to fail but make plans in the face of adversity to continue His work.

5. Pray to God.

## I. In The Face Of Opposition Jesus Prayed.

[A] This was not a prayer of panic.

Vs. 12 1. Jesus was not confused;

2. Jesus was not fearful.

3. Jesus was not asking permission to compromise.

4. Jesus was not berating God for His problems.

5. Jesus was not confessing His sins.

### III. In The Face Of Threats, Jesus continued His Work.

- A. He came down and stood in the plain.
- Vs. 17 1. The company of disciples came.  
2. A great multitude gathered. They were from the farthest regions of Jewry.
- Vs. 18 3. Jesus resumes challenging Satan.
- Vs. 19 4. Jesus had and used great power.  
5. "Virtue" = δὲναις = inherent power.

- B. Where are we in this struggle?
1. We are committed as individuals, families, and as a congregation.
2. We will not go back.
3. Our Lord has called us to the front lines.
4. The battle rages on every front, in the heavens, in the nations, in the promise land, in our home-land, in our state, and among the Lord's people, His churches.
5. We must go on with His work.
6. Our orders have not changed.
7. Our Rule book has not changed, Let us constantly