

## The Apostles And Personal Relationships

### **Matthew 10:21-25**

Intro:

- A. **Jesus has told the Apostles of their appearances.**
  - 1. They would appear before Jewish councils and synagogues.
  - 2. They would appear before Gentile kings and governors.
- B. **He has told them about their speech before such people.**
  - 1. Take no thought of how or what you shall say.
  - 2. It shall be give you in that hour.
  - 3. Jesus will speak for them by the holy Spirit.
- C. **Jesus continues by revealing the personal hatred and rejection they will receive.**
  - 1. From one's family.
  - 2. From all men and from the world.

#### I. The Apostles And Unbelieving Family Members.

- A. **"And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child:" v.21**
  - 1. "Brother will betray brother to death" - TCNT
  - 2. "and children shall take a stand against their parents" - Wms.
  - 3. This would be true in Jewish religion. Jesus would be considered by some a blasphemer and they would be bound to report them. **vs.35-36**
  - 4. Micah 7:6
- B. **"...and the children shall rise up against their parents and cause them to be put to death."**
  - 1. The Jews were taught to inform on one another, even the most sacred of relationships.
  - 2. Deuteronomy 13:6-11
- C. **"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." V.22**
  - 1. hated = μισω = "to hate", 'active ill-will'

2. And you will be objects of universal hatred"  
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3. endureth= υπομενω = "to remain under after others have gone." "to hold one's ground"
4. end = τελος = "the fulfillment or completion of a thing"
5. saved = σωζω = "to make sound," "to preserve safe from danger"
6. The first statement is the best. Jesus is not talking about the new birth, or demonstrating that one has faith, or the quality of one's faith. He is talking about maturity and remaining faithful in one's profession. Vs.32-33, v.39. 16:24-28

## II. What To Do When Persecuted.

- A. **"But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another;" v.23**
  1. persecute = διωκω = "to cause to flee", "to pursue with the object of harm."
  2. flee = φευγω = "to take to flight"
  3. "When they hunt you in one town, escape to some other one."
  
- B. **"...for verily I say unto you, ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of Man be come."**
  1. "you will not have come to the end of the towns of Israel..." - TCNT
  2. "before the Son of Man comes" - TCNT
  3. Matthew 21:1-9, v.9