

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
February 21st, 2021
Matthew 10:26-27

RECAP: Last week we finished up this persecution section, wherein Christ describes many of the persecutions we will face on this Earth.

THESIS: We will be vindicated as God's people, regardless of the world's rejection of Christ.

EXEGESIS: Matthew 10:26-27 (*see also Luke 12:1-12*)

- **“do not fear.”** This phrase we're familiar with. We saw this in **Matt 6:25**, which tells us not to fear for material needs. Here it's used to the disciples, not to fear the world.
- **“for nothing is covered that will not be revealed,”** Christ states here that not fearing them is linked to the fact that they will be totally revealed. This implies a few things to us;
 - **Firstly**, it tells us, that the world, and those that threaten and accuse us, *are hiding something*.
 - Whether sincerely hating the faith, or having ulterior motives, all men hide their sin.
 - God is going to expose them all. There is not one enemy of Christian thinking, that will not be exposed for the *real* reasons they defied and rebelled against Christ. **Eph. 5:11-14; 1st Cor. 4:5.**
 - **Secondly**, *all things are going to be made known*. Every secret will be laid out on Judgment Day. If you can't stand before God with it without shame, don't keep it a secret. It won't last long.
- **“What I tell you in the dark, say in the light.”** This is very contextual. Jesus has done some very private, exclusive teaching with the disciples, in some cases forbidding them to speak of it. **Matt 16:20.**
- But this is the first time the disciples are encouraged to go out and build on what they learned publicly in the lives of others, after it has been cemented in their own lives.
- **“from the rooftops.”** This is a fearless proclamation! Here we see nothing secret or hidden! Disciples of Christ should be fearless, confident, and public in their declaration of the Gospel and Scripture.

CONCLUSION:

1. **All things will be made known, public, and revealed by God. Whether here or later, it will be made clear who serves the Lord faithfully, and who hid their sins from light.**
2. **Be fearless and don't concern yourself with public proclamation. Don't fear proclaiming the Gospel from the rooftop, for you will be vindicated.**