

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
February 28th, 2021
Matthew 10:28-31

RECAP: Last week, Jesus states that God vindicates His people in the Last Days, and therefore, we have no reason to fear their assaults or accusations.

THESIS: If we understand God's complete control over all life, will have no fear of the world.

EXEGESIS: Matthew 10:28-31 (see also Luke 12:5-6)

- **“fear,”** or **“*phobos*,”** where we get phobia from. Scripture condemns fear for our personal needs, our lack of control, and our safety and well-being leaving our own hands.
 - However Scripture does encourage a fear of the Lord's much more serious power. **1st John 4:17-18.**
- **“Hell.”** The word most commonly used by Jesus for Hell throughout the Gospels, “gehenna,” which was a valley of burning trash and dumping below Jerusalem. A very hellish sight!
- It is wise and healthy to fear God's wrath in using Hell. When we do, the powers and evils that man can inflict become a great deal less concerning.
- **Objection:** Shouldn't we as believers not fear Hell anymore because of the Gospel? *Yes and no.*
 1. You should still dwell on the reality and consequences of it.
 2. We should fear the Lord and respond to Him, which is the point of this passage.
- **“two sparrows/penny.”** The smallest amount of change possible for two very invaluable creatures, by human standards. Yet even in this, God's sovereign control over all life is designed with precision.
 - God determines the lifespan, activities, location, and eventual death of every single individual sparrow. He plans for them and provides for them throughout their lives.
 - *He has died for you, however.* How is that not an incredible statement of comfort?
- v. 30 is better translated; **“*But for you, every last hair of your head have all been counted.*”**
- **“more valuable.”** How valuable do you think eternal souls are? If God cares for each little sparrow, He's not going to forget about you, in the midst of trials, persecutions, and attacks. **Phil. 4:4-7.**
- When you're up against these worldly systems, or councils and even families that would harm you or silence you, it's simply a question of where we're focused.

CONCLUSION:

- **We need to be reminded of God's total power over sin, Hell, and justice. Take time to meditate on God's wrath, God's justice, our sinfulness, and yes, even Hell itself.**
- **We need to be reminded of God's love and power to rule over us completely. This is more valuable than anything the world can offer us.**