

# Instruction and Sending Forth of the Twelve

*But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.*

*The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.*

*It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?*

*Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.*

*What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.*

*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

*Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.*

*But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

*Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.*

—Matthew 10:23-31

Concerning the latter part of the first verse in this passage, we are told by George Lamsa in his *Gospel Light*: “The Aramaic word *tshalamon* is the second person plural. It is derived from the word *shalem* which means surrender, convert and finish. The Eastern text reads ‘You shall not finish converting all the cities of the house of Israel until the Son of man returns.’ ”

In other words, the disciples were being admonished to carry the Gospel first to those of their own faith, for they needed it most. Some people would

be ready for it, however, and they would become a nucleus from which the Teaching could be spread into other regions. It was known by Christ Jesus, of course, that the Jewish race, as such, would be the last to accept Christianity, so strong a hold has the Race Spirit upon them.

An excellent lesson in how the Law of Attraction works may be gleaned from the second and third verses. The follower in some respects at least, resembles that which he follows. We show our own natures to a great extent by following certain people or certain teachings. True, one may not inwardly observe that which he outwardly professes, but the sincere aspirant is not of that caliber.

In stating that “there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known,” Christ Jesus was describing conditions of the future, when the light of spiritual awareness will dispel all darkness of the material world. Individually, as one’s inner powers are unfolded and his physical body refined, he actually moves into a sphere of light which reveals to him the secrets of life and being. He acquires etheric vision and will be able to see through physical objects and discern the etheric bodies which exist around every material object. Eventually, as taught in the Western Wisdom Teachings, the Earth itself will become ethereal and capable of transmitting the light.

The disciples are admonished to have no fear of “them that kill the body,” for their Teacher is impressing upon them that they are Spirits, having eternal life in God, and that the mere destruction of the physical vehicle is not nearly so important as the destruction of the soul powers, which does indeed seriously hinder spiritual progress. So long as the disciple endeavors to follow “the Path,” he may rest assured that he will be cared for. □

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