



John 15:26b, 27a

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, He will testify to Me.

Matthew 10:26–33

²⁷ And you also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

²⁶ “Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.

²⁷ What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

²⁸ And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge.

³⁰ Even all the hairs of your head are counted.

³¹ So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.

³³ But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.

Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed.

The meaning of this is that truth will always come out and the truth will always triumph.

When James the Sixth of England threatened to hang or exile, a Scottish theologian, Andrew Melville, Melville's answer was: "You cannot hang or exile the truth."

"Great is the truth, and the truth will prevail."

When the Christian is involved in suffering and sacrifice, even

martyrdom for his faith, he must remember that the day will come when things will be seen as they really are.

The power of the temporal persecutor will count for nothing yet the heroism of Christian will eternally count for everything.

At the last judgment each will gain their true reward based upon their actual motives.

A true Christian loves God so much that he never fears the slings and arrows of his persecutor.

A true Christian is a person who knows no fear, because they know that the judgments of eternity will correct the judgments of this temporal world.

What Jesus is saying here is that no punishment man can give can compare with the ultimate fate of one who has been guilty of infidelity and disobedience to God's Word.

It is true that men can kill a man's physical body; but God can condemn a man to the death or to eternal life.

