

JOHN 16; September 26; We Are Never Really Alone

ANALYSIS:

1. What forms of persecution would Jesus' disciples face? _____

2. What would the Comforter reprove the world of?

3. What would the Comforter do for the disciples? _____

4. When Jesus said He would go back to the Father, what was the reaction of the disciples and how did Jesus correct it? _____

5. What immediate event did Jesus foretell, and how would it affect them and Him? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The many varied things Jesus told his disciples were for their “peace” (v 33). He prepared them for persecution from the non-regenerate world. He told them that He would leave them and return to the Father. He repeated the promise of the Comforter coming to be their guide and teacher. He gave them the opportunity of prayer in His name. “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (v 33). The world of sinful non-elect humanity hates and persecutes the Lord's elect. The prince of that world is the devil. Jesus has defeated him by electing some of mankind to be His forever! Jesus has freed us from the captivity of Satan by quickening us to everlasting life (Eph 2:1-2). Praise His Name!

Let us think on our Captain and be of good cheer! The words of a chorus I was taught when I was 8 years old come to mind.

“Cheer up ye saints of God, There's nothing to worry about,
Nothing to make you feel afraid, Nothing to make you doubt;
Remember Jesus never fails, So why not trust Him and shout!
You'll be sorry you worried at all tomorrow morning.”

The morning we ought to be looking forward to is the moment we see the glorified Christ!

HELP:

1. They would be put out of the synagogues, and some would be killed (v 2).
2. Sin, righteousness and judgment (vs 8-11).
3. Guide them into all truth, show them things to come, glorify Christ and show them the things of Christ (vs 13-15).
4. The disciples were sorrowful (vs 5-6, 16, 20); Jesus would turn their sorrow to joy when they saw Him again (v 22).
5. Behold the hour cometh (His betrayal and finally His crucifixion), when they would all be scattered, leaving Him alone, but the Father would be with Him (v 32).