

We will now begin the ninth lecture on the gospel of Matthew. /The main text will begin from Matthew 10:24.

/Read Matthew 10:24. /A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

/The student refers to a believer. /The teacher is Jesus. /The servant is also a believer, /and the master is Jesus. /Jesus faced many difficulties and persecution as Teacher and Master.

/Therefore, it is natural that we encounter difficulties and persecutions. /It is natural that we are despised and treated with contempt when we evangelize.

/Verse 25. /⁵It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

/The Pharisees slandered Jesus by calling Him Beelzebub. /“Beelzebub” means “prince of demons”. /Thus, the Pharisees slandered Jesus by saying “Jesus was the devil”. /Jesus was treated in this way.

/Therefore, it is natural that we face difficulties, persecutions, and be ridiculed when we evangelize. /We must believe that we are facing hardships just like Jesus did, and be thankful.

/Verse 26. /So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

/The “concealed” refers to the gospel. /The “hidden” refers to the truth. /In this way, the gospel and the truth will be revealed. /The gospel and the truth is bound to show up outside. /We must bring the gospel and the truth out into the world. /Our lives must testify the gospel and the truth.

/Verse 27. /What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

/The dark place refers to a small room. /The daylight refers to the world. /Therefore, we must take what the Lord teaches us in the small rooms and take it and preach it to the world. /Also, what is whispered into our ears must be proclaimed from the roofs. /The spiritual whisper we hear with our ears must be proclaimed before many people in the world. /It would be woeful if we do not proclaim to the world. /We must shine the light of life and proclaim.

/Verse 28. /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 hell.

/When a person dies, the body will die but the soul cannot die. /However, God can put to death both our bodies and souls. /God can annihilate us to hell. /Therefore, the life of the soul is more important than the life of the physical body.

/Believers must not yield to the truth because of fear of hardships. /If they do, their spiritual lives will die. /Whether our physical lives live or die, we must make sure that our spirits stay alive.

/We must walk by truth. /We must live according to the will of God. /We must not be afraid of people. /We must not be afraid of persecutions by people. /We must not be afraid to die. /The matters of life and death and fortunes and misfortunes are all in the hands of God.

/Verse 29. /Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.

/The penny(assarion) is a coin of Rome. /One penny(assarion) is one-sixteenth of a denarius. /Two sparrows are sold for one penny. /Sparrows are lowly in existence.

/However, not one sparrow will fall to the ground if God doesn't allow it. /Sparrows can be caught only if God allows it.

/Verse 30. /And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

/God counted all the hairs on our heads. /Hairs fall on the ground only when God allows it. /God protects us very closely. /He interferes in our lives in detail.

/Verse 31. /So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

/Jesus said we should not be afraid. /We must not be afraid when we evangelize. /We must not be afraid when we live in this world. /We are more precious than sparrows. /Jesus bled and died on the cross for us.

/Jesus saved us. /We must entrust everything to God. /If we all say we want to live, no one will die. /If we all say we want to die, no one will live. /Man's life is in the hands of God.

/We must not be afraid of dying. /1 Peter 5:6. /We must not worry about what to eat or wear. /We must not be afraid of people who persecute us.

/Verses 32-33. /Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

/Jesus said to acknowledge Him with our lips. /This means that we must confess our faith with our lips. /When we show our faith, our souls will grow. /Then God will

acknowledge us.

/Therefore, we must testify Jesus before people, and we must also testify our faith.
/However, if we deny Jesus and deny the truth, then we will be denied before God. /If we deny Jesus, we will not be acknowledged before God.

/Verse 34. /Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

/The “sword” refers to separation. /Jesus came to this world to bring about separation.
/There are disputes because of problems regarding faith and the truth. /There are disputes and separations between those who believe and those who do not believe.

/There is conflict between those who realize the truth and those who do not. /Then what must we do? /There can be peace when we help those who do not believe in Jesus, believe.

/Verse 35. /For I have come to turn 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law -

/Through the coming of Jesus, there is conflict between a daughter and her mother, and a daughter-in-law and her mother-in-law. /If one person does not believe in Jesus, there will be conflict. /In such cases, we must not yield our faith.

/Instead, we must preach the gospel to those who do not believe so that they may believe in Jesus. /Then there will be peace. /Faith is more important than the physical family or parents and children. /We must not yield up our faith and the truth.

/Verse 36. /a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

/A man's enemies are his family members in his home. /Our families do not understand and oppose our faith. /They are against us walking in the truth. /We must not yield our faith. /We must walk in the truth even when we are persecuted.

/Verse 37. /Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

/It is wrong to love our father or mother more than we love Jesus. /This means that our sons, daughters, or parents will become our idols. /We must put Jesus first and follow Him. /Jesus' commands are more important than our parents' commands.

/Also, when we follow God first, others will follow us. /We must not depend on people or follow people. /We must depend on God. /We must overcome the line of compassion.
/Mark 10:29-30.

/We must put our faith first. /Then the Lord will give back to us one hundred times more

than our parents, children, and lands.

/Verse 38. /and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

/Even if we are persecuted by people close to us, we must carry and follow the cross. /We must consider it natural for us to be persecuted. /Matthew 16:24. /2 Corinthians 5:15.

/Verse 39. /Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

/Here, “life” refers to two kinds of life. /They are the physical life and the spiritual life. /When we yield to the truth because we do not want to lose our physical lives, then our spiritual lives will die. /However, if we follow the truth whether or not we lose our physical lives, then our spiritual lives will live.

/Verse 40. /He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.

/Those who receive Jesus also receive God the Father. /Also, those who receive believers of Jesus also receive Jesus.

/Those who receive evangelists also receive Jesus. /The widow of Zarephath received Elijah and was blessed. /Priscilla and Aquila received Paul.

/Verse 41. /Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

/If we receive a prophet because he is a prophet, then we will receive rewards. /This is to acknowledge prophets. /This is to believe the words of prophets. /It is also to obey the Word.

/It is also helping the prophets. /Then we will share rewards with the prophets. /Those who receive a righteous man because he is righteous will also be blessed. /We must acknowledge a righteous man as a righteous man.

/We must accept the words of righteous men. /We must live according to the words of righteous men. /Then we can share rewards with the righteous men. /If we help a person who went to prison for believing in Jesus, /if we help a person who went to prison for spreading the gospel, we will receive and share rewards.

/Verse 42. /And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

/If we help a little one who believes in Jesus, God will not forget to reward us. /If we cooperate and step forward with evangelizing, God will give us rewards. /We must help

the church. /We must help believers.

/However, when we bring damage to the church, we will receive punishment. /Revelation 1:7. /Therefore, we must help the church. /We must help pastors. /We must help believers. /Then we will share in our rewards.

/We will continue the lecture with Matthew chapter 11. /The theme of chapter 11 is "Questions and Answers".

/First is John the Baptist's questions and Jesus' answers. /Verses 1-15. /Second is sins of the generation. /Verses 16-19. /Third is Jesus' rebuke of Korazin and Bethsaida. /Verses 20-24. /Fourth is learning about Jesus. /Verses 25-30.

/Read verse 1. /After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

/Jesus personally preached the gospel.

/Verses 2-3. /When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

/John the Baptist was put in prison for reproaching King Herod. /Yet, Jesus did not visit John the Baptist in prison. /John the Baptist suffered greatly. /Still, Jesus did not go and see John.

/Thus, John the Baptist was tempted. /John stumbled. /He began to have doubts. /He questioned Jesus by asking, "Are you the one who was to come?" /"The one who was to come" points to the Messiah, Christ.

/John the Baptist courageously preached about Jesus. /He introduced Jesus to People. /He brought out the name of Jesus. /He became the pioneer of Jesus. /He testified that Jesus was "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

/John the Baptist also baptized Jesus. /However, John the Baptist was falling away from that previous faith. /He became discouraged through his hardships. /Even the faith of the strongest servants sometimes falls asleep.

/Elijah also ran away. /1 Kings 19:1. /He sat under a broom tree and prayed for death. /Elijah's faith had fallen asleep. /God awakened his faith through an angel. /King David also committed a crime because his faith fell asleep.

/Verses 4-5. /Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

/Jesus told John the Baptist's disciples to testify to everything they heard and saw. /Jesus

made the blind, the lame, and the leper clean. /He raised the people from the dead.

/This is evidence that Jesus is Christ. /John 14:11. /1 John 1:1. /In this way, the disciples were told to go and report everything about Jesus. /We can indicate what a person's job is through the way he or she behaves.

/Who are the people who catch thieves and robbers? /It is the police. /Who are the people who teach students? /They are the teachers. /In the same way, Jesus raised the dead and healed sicknesses.

/This was Jesus proving that He was Christ. /Jesus healed sicknesses that resulted from sin. /Jesus healed death that had resulted from sin.

/Verse 6. /Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

/Whoever does not stumble will be blessed. /John the Baptist stumbled momentarily. /Jesus reprimanded John the Baptist. /However, being reprimanded is also a blessing.

/Jesus wanted John the Baptist to be upright and also wanted to bless him. /Jesus commended John the Baptist after John's disciples had left. /Jesus reprimanded that person in front of him. /However, Jesus commended that person when he was absent.

/Verse 7. /As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

/There is a reed that is swayed by the wind. /This reed refers to weak people. /These people are swayed back and forth in the winds and trends of the world. /These people chase after the trends of the world.

/John the Baptist was not like these people. /He was not shaken. /Jesus commended John the Baptist.

/Verse 8. /If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces.

/Those who wear fine clothes are luxurious people. /Luke 16:19. /These people live in palaces. /John the Baptist was not a luxurious person.

/John was not a person who flattered the powerful king. /John rebuked the king in person for righteousness. /Then John ended up in prison. /Jesus acknowledged John the Baptist.

/Verse 9. /Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

/John the Baptist baptized in the wilderness. /John the Baptist was a prophet. /John the Baptist was a better man than a prophet. /This was because he saw Jesus in person and

testified to Jesus.

/Verse 10. /This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

/Malachi 3:1. /The “messenger” here refers to John the Baptist. /God sent John the Baptist before he sent Jesus. /John the Baptist made the way for Jesus. /John the Baptist brought people to repentance. /He introduced Jesus to people.

/Verse 11. /I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

/Jesus said that John the Baptist was greatest among all who had been born of women. /Why was John the Baptist so great? /He was great because he introduced Jesus. /He also held the truth about Jesus.

/In that time, John the Baptist was most aware of the truth of Jesus. /However, Jesus said that even the least in heaven would be greater than John. /Here, “heaven” refers to the churches in the New Testament times.

/There are many types of heavens. /There is the heaven of our hearts, /the church, /the millennium, /and the eternal heaven. /“Heaven” here refers to the churches in the New Testament times. /John the Baptist is the last prophet of the Old Testament times.

/There was more to the truth in the New Testament times than what John the Baptist had knowledge about. /John the Baptist died before Jesus. /Therefore, John the Baptist did not know about Jesus’ death on the cross, His resurrection, and His ascension.

/However, there were children in the New Testament times who knew about the truth. /Thus, the believers in the New Testament times knew more about the truth of Jesus than John the Baptist did.

/However, John the Baptist had respectable character. /John the Baptist had qualities that eventually led to his martyr. /He is probably one of the greatest in heaven. /John the Baptist lacked only in his knowledge of the truth, which is the reason why Jesus said that believers in the New Testament times were greater than John.

/Verse 12. /From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

/The kingdom of heaven from the Old to New Testament times has been conquered. /“Heaven” refers to the churches in the New Testament times. /Jesus said it was being invaded. /The strong had conquered heaven. /Genesis 13:14. /We also must conquer heaven and take possession of it.

/We must conquer heaven. /First, it means we must fight against falseness. /It will be like fighting against the seven nations of Canaan. /Second, it makes our character grow. /It is to become like Jesus.

/Third, it is to spread the gospel. /We must preach the gospel to those who do not believe. /Then heaven will expand.

/Verse 13. /For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

/The Old Testament times end with John the Baptist. /Hebrews 10:1. /The New Testament times began with Christ's coming.

/Verse 14. /And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.

/Malachi 4:5-6. /God said that he would send Elijah before Jesus comes to this world. /Here, "Elijah" does not refer to the re-coming of the Elijah who was taken into heaven in the Old Testament. /John the Baptist is "the Elijah".

/John the Baptist came with the heart of Elijah. /Elijah brought people to repentance. /Likewise, John the Baptist brought people to repentance. /John the Baptist came as Elijah. /John 1:21. /In verse 15, Jesus said, "He who has ears, let him hear."

/Verses 16-17. /"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

/This generation is a wicked generation. /Matthew 16:4. /Matthew 17:17. /Philippians 2:15. /It is a wicked and perverted generation. /It is a perverse generation. /It is a generation that is defiant against God.

/The people did not dance even when the flute was played. /They did not rejoice when the gospel of salvation was preached to them. /It is said that the flute is played at the bridegroom's home when guests are entertained. /The children re-enacted the scene of a bridegroom's home at the marketplaces.

/People did not give thanks even when they were given the good news of salvation from Jesus. /They did not know how to be glad. /They did not beat their chests even in mourning. /This was the children imitating funerals.

/John the Baptist rebuked the people of their sins. /Yet, the people were numb and were not sad. /They did not repent. /Luke 23:27-28. /Matthew 3:2. /We live in a generation that is numb.

/We must not live like the people living in a numb generation. /We must rejoice in the gospel and give thanks. /We must grieve over sins and repent.

/Verse 18. /For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

/John the Baptist had an ascetic lifestyle. /With that lifestyle, he introduced Jesus to people. /Then people mocked him by saying he was possessed by a demon.

/Verse 19. /The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners."' 'But wisdom is proved right by her actions.'

/Jesus was took pleasure in being with His disciples and preached the gospel. /Luke 5:34. /John 3:29. /However, the Pharisees did not believe in Jesus. /Rather, they mocked Jesus by calling Him "a glutton."

/They mocked Jesus by calling Him "a friend of tax collectors and 'sinners'". /However, we learn that wisdom is proved right by her actions. /We can know this by its fruit. /Truly, those who receive Jesus' blessings are wise.

/Those who do not believe in Jesus are foolish people. /We can only bear good fruit when we believe in Jesus. /Luke 7:35. /The kingdom of heaven does not exist by words, but in power. /1 Corinthians 4:20.

/Verses 20-22. /Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

/Jesus performed many of His powers in the town of Korazin. /"Korazin" is located near Capernaum. /Jesus also said "Woe to you, Bethsaida." /Luke 9:10. /The Lord fed the five thousand. /Mark 8:22. /He healed the blind man.

/However, the people of that town did not repent. /Jesus came in person to preach to them, yet, they did not believe Him. /Therefore, Jesus said that it would be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than them.

/“Tyre and Sidon” is a foreign city. /It is an evil city. /Therefore, this means that Korazin and Bethsaida are more evil than the evil Tyre and Sidon.

/Jesus came and preached the gospel directly to them, but they did not believe in the gospel. /Therefore, we can see how wicked the people were. /Thus, the wicked cities received judgment.

/Verses 23-24. /And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

/Capernaum is Jesus' hometown. /Jesus poured out a lot of his power there. /However, the people of Capernaum rejected Jesus and shunned Him. /Matthew 13:54-57.

/However, if Jesus had performed wonders in Sodom and Gomorrah, the people would have believed. /Therefore, He meant that Capernaum was more wicked than Sodom and Gomorrah.

/Jesus personally went and preached in Capernaum. /Yet, the people did not repent. /Therefore, we can see how evil the people of Capernaum were.

/Verse 25. /At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

/God hides things from the wise and learned in the world. /Worldly wisdom is useless. /1 Corinthians 2:14. /1 Corinthians 1:21. /God reveals them to those who are like little children.

/Everyone must have hearts like little children, and then they can believe in the gospel. /Little children are humble. /They are innocent. /They like to learn. /They long for their mothers' bosoms. /Those who have a heart like this can believe in the gospel.

/This is the Father's will. /It is difficult for arrogant people to believe in Jesus. /Those who are humble can receive the Word are able to believe in Jesus.

/Verse 27. /"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

God gave all the grace and the truth to Jesus. /John 1:17. /God gave everything to us through Jesus Christ.

/Verse 28. /"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

/All people on this earth are weary and burdened. /This concerns sins. /This is weariness and burdens that arise from sin. /There was no sin in the Garden of Eden. /Therefore, there was no suffering.

/However, all became weary and burdened because of sin. /People were filled with troubles and worries and fear. /Ecclesiastes 6:3. /Ecclesiastes 5:11. /We must go before Jesus, weary and burdened.

/This means that we ought to believe in Jesus. /When the Lord says, "Come to me," this means that we should receive Jesus. /When we receive Jesus, we will be saved.

/We can lay down our weariness and burdens before the Lord. /Then we can solve the problem of sin. /We can then have peace. /We can then find rest. /There is life and salvation.

/Verse 29. /Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

/Jesus was gentle and humble in character. /Jesus entirely received guidance and assertions from God. /Jesus was completely obedient before God. /Philippians 2:5. /Numbers 12:3.

/We must learn gentleness and humility from Jesus. /We must take up the yoke of Jesus and learn from Him. /The “yoke of Jesus” is obedience. /We must not try to do things on our own.

/When we obey the will of God, there is peace. /1 Samuel 15:21. /We must learn obedience. /When we obey, there is peace. /This may seem difficult, but it is easy.

/Verse 30. /For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

/Jesus said that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. /When we obey the Word of God, the Lord helps us. /The Lord helps us when we are weak. /We must entrust everything to God. /We must depend on God.

/Therefore, when we carry the yoke and obey, there will be freedom. /There will be comfort. /God's power will help us. /Therefore, we must obey and we must give our burdens to God. /1 Peter 5:7. /Psalm 68:19. /Psalm 55:22.

/We must give all our anxieties to God. /Then we must carry the yoke that the Lord has given us, and go forward in obedience. /The cow does not need to worry about what it will eat or wear.

/The cow simply carries the yoke and plows, and when it has worked hard, its owner feeds it. /Let us put down our weariness and burdens before Jesus. /Then we must be like Jesus in His gentleness and humility.

/Then we must carry the yoke. /If we break off this yoke, there will be a bigger one to come. /If we break off the wooden yoke, then we will be faced with an iron yoke. /Jeremiah 28:10. /Jonah did not go to the city of Nineveh.

/Therefore, he ended up in the stomach of the fish. /Even when things are difficult, we must carry the yoke. /Then God will give us the power to manage our troubles. /We will conclude the ninth lecture on the gospel of Matthew. /Thank you.