

THE MATTHEW STUDY: WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS
 SERIES: DESIGNED TO HUMBLY SERVE
 PART 4 - "PEACE IN CHAOS"
 Matthew 10:24-33

²⁴A student is not greater than the teacher. A servant is not greater than the master. ²⁵The student shares the teacher's fate. The servant shares the master's fate. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, how much more will it happen to you, the members of the household! ²⁶But don't be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything will be revealed; all that is secret will be made public. ²⁷What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ears, shout from the housetops for all to hear! ²⁸Don't be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. ³⁰And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. ³¹So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to Him than a whole flock of sparrows. ³²If anyone acknowledges Me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before My Father in heaven. ³³But if anyone denies Me here on earth, I will deny that person before My Father in heaven."

How to experience God's peace
 when you're being opposed

I. **Prepare** for **opposition** because of Jesus.
 Matthew 10:24-25

A. Jesus **suffered**, so will **we**. Matthew 10:24

B. Jesus was **maligned**; we can expect the **same**.
 Matthew 10:25

II. **Possess** God's peace in **frightening** situations.
 Matthew 10:26-31

You can overcome fear because:

A. **Slander** and **ridicule** will be exposed by the **truth**.
 Matthew 10:26-27

B. Your **soul** is **eternal**. Matthew 10:28

C. You are so **valuable** to Father God. Matthew 10:31

III. **Profess** Jesus **here** on **earth**. Matthew 10:32-33

A. **Acknowledge** Jesus in this life and He will acknowledge **you before** the Father in Heaven.
 Matthew 10:32

B. There is a **consequence** for **rejecting** Jesus here on earth. Matthew 10:33