

Luke 10:1-20 **Jesus sent out seventy others**

Seventy Sent Out, Pray for Laborers for the Harvest

¹ After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Take no Provisions – The Laborer is Worthy of his Wages

³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

Reception and Response

⁵ But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

Message of the Kingdom confirmed by miraculous signs

⁸ Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. ⁹ And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Where you are not received – Wipe off the dust against them

¹⁰ But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' ¹² But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

Woes to privileged Cities

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be thrust down to Hades.

Weight of Response

¹⁶ He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

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¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

Authority over Power of the Enemy

¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Seventy Sent Out, Pray for Laborers for the Harvest

- ✚ Jesus sent out the Seventy to the places He would soon arrive, saying:
 - ✧ The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. [Luke 10:2]
 - ✧ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. [Luke 10:2]
- ✚ The One Who sends laborers into the Harvest, is the “Lord of the Harvest,” or God Himself, and we are to pray that God will send laborers into the harvest.
 - ✧ Too many false prophets have rushed into the work for what ever reason, when God has not sent them, just as the prophets have said. [Deuteronomy 18:21-22, Jeremiah 14:14-15, 23:21-22, 32, Ezekiel 13:1-7, 22:28]

Hazards of Ministry

- ✚ The hazards Jesus warned against as He sent the seventy out to minister the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, clearly applied for their time, but the same warnings apply at the end of time as the Great Tribulation comes upon the world.
- ✚ These are included in the warnings of the time just before the end of the age and the return of Jesus, as given in the descriptions of the signs that signal His coming. [Matthew 24:9-14, Mark 13:9-13, Luke 21:12-19, 2 Timothy 3:12-14]
 - ✧ Sent out as Lambs (Sheep) among Wolves. [Luke 10:3, Matthew 10:16]
 - ✧ Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. [Matthew 10:16]
 - ❖ Our defense will be found in the gift of wisdom given by the Holy Spirit. [Exodus 28:3, 31:3, 35:31, Deuteronomy 34:9, Isaiah 11:1-2, Acts 6:3, 10, 1 Corinthians 12:8, Ephesians 1:17]
 - ❖ Not by force of arms, Be Harmless as Doves.
 - ✧ Beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the councils for trial and destruction. [Matthew 10:17, 24:9, Mark 13:9, Luke 21:12]
 - ❖ You will be scourged in their synagogues.
 - ✧ You will be brought before governors and kings for the sake of Christ. [Matthew 10:18, Mark 13:9, Luke 21:12-13]
 - ❖ This will provide an opportunity to be used as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.
 - ❖ A good example of this is the trial of Paul before Festus and King Agrippa. [Acts 25:1-27]

Take no supplies with you [Matthew 10:9-10, Mark 6:8-9, Luke 9:3, Luke 10:4]

- ✚ The worker is worthy to receive support from the recipients. [Matthew 10:9-10]
 - ✧ Freely you have received, freely give. [Matthew 10:8]
 - ✧ Take no supplies for your journey, gold, silver, copper coins, in your money belts.
 - ✧ Take no bag, extra tunics, sandals or. Staffs.
 - ✧ Because the worker is worthy of his wages. [Luke 10:7]
 - ✧ Greet no one along the road. [Luke 10:4]

Reception and Response

- ✚ When you enter a city or town, find a worthy household, and stay there while you are in the city or town. [Matthew 10:11, Mark 6:10, Luke 10:5-6] Don't move from house to house. [Luke 10:7]
 - ✧ When you enter a household, greet it. [Matthew 10:12-13]
 - ✧ Eat and drink whatever is set before you. [Luke 10:8]
 - ❖ If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. The peace, is the peace of the Holy Spirit in you, that gives an atmosphere of peacefulness and calm around you which others can sense in your presence.
 - ❖ If it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Message of the Kingdom confirmed by miraculous signs

- ✚ The message they preach is, “The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” [Matthew 10:7, Luke 9:2, 10:9]
- ✚ The message of the Kingdom is confirmed by the powers Jesus gave the Disciples to perform.

✧ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. [Matthew 10:8, Mark 6:7, Luke 9:1-2, 10:9]

✧ The **miracles are evidence** that God has approved the message of the Kingdom.

Where you are not received – Wipe off the dust against them

✧ Whoever will not receive you or listen to the message of the Kingdom.

✧ Whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' [Luke 10:10-11]

✧ But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. [Luke 10:12]

✧ When you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet as a witness against that house or city. [Matthew 10:14, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5, 10:10]

✧ It will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah, in the day of Judgment, than for that city. [Matthew 10:15, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5, 10:12]

✧ One of the factors considered at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and at the Great White Throne, is how receptive were you to the message of the Kingdom of Heaven?

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Weight of Response

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✧ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." [Luke 10:17, Mark 6:30-32, Luke 9:10]

Authority over Power of the Enemy

✧ He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [Luke 10:18]

✧ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. [Luke 10:19]

✧ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." [Luke 10:20]