



**“In View of Eternity”  
Matthew 10:26–42  
The Commission of the King**

**I. Temporary security vs. eternal security**

“Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (vv.26–28)

**1.) Our highest aim is to please God, not people.**

Romans 12:18 – “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

“Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.” (vv.29–31)

**2.) God is aware of every detail, even the seemingly insignificant.**

“Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.” (vv.32–33)

**3.) What we do on earth has eternal consequences.**

**II. Temporary allegiance vs. eternal allegiance**

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter in-law against her mother in-law; and a man’s enemies will be the members of his household. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.” (vv.34–37)

**4.) Everyone must pick a side when it comes to Jesus.**

“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.” (vv.38–39)

## 5.) We can live for eternity now.

### III. Temporary reward vs. eternal reward

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.” (vv.40–42)

## 6.) God is aware of all we do and will reward accordingly.

Colossians 3:23–24 – “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

2 Corinthians 5:10 – “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

1 Corinthians 3:12–13 – “Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.”

1 Corinthians 3:14–15 – “If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”

Ephesians 2:10 – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
2. Do you generally think more of the past, the present, or the future?
3. What are some things in your life that you had to wait a period of time for?
  - a. If you could go back and erase the period of waiting, would you?  
Was there value in the waiting?
4. What are some things that distract us from living this life in view of eternity?
5. What are some practical ways you can live in view of eternity each day?