



Gospel Of John Series – 96
“SORROW, SIN, AND THE SPIRIT’S SAVING WORK”
John 16:1-11

INTRODUCTION

I. The Warning That Steadies the Saints (vv. 1-4)

A. The Purpose of the Warning (v. 1)

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.”

B. The Prediction of Persecution (v. 2)

“They will put you out of the synagogues...”

C. The Problem Beneath Persecution (v. 3)

“They have not known the Father, nor Me.”

II. The Sorrow That Filled the Disciples (vv. 5-6)

A. The Direction of Christ (v. 5)

“I am going to him who sent me...”

B. The Despair of the Disciples (v. 6)

“Sorrow has filled your heart.”

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

III. The Departure That Benefits Believers (v. 7)

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth...”

A. The Advantage of His Absence

“It is to your advantage that I go away.”

B. The Arrival of the Advocate

“If I go, I will send him to you.”

The Helper (*Parakletos*) means:

- Advocate
- Counselor
- Defender

IV. The Conviction That Confronts the World (vv. 8–11)

“And when He comes, He will convict the world...”

convict - courtroom term, to expose, prove guilty, or bring to light.

A. Conviction Concerning Sin (v. 9)

“Concerning sin, because they do not believe in me.”

B. Conviction Concerning Righteousness (v. 10)

“Concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father...”

C. Conviction Concerning Judgment (v. 11)

“Because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Major Applications

1. **Expect resistance if you follow Christ.**
2. **Do not interpret sorrow as defeat.**
3. **Trust the Spirit’s invisible work.**
4. **Remember: conviction is mercy.**

The Spirit shines truth into darkened hearts.

- Some reject.
- Some resist.
- But some repent.