

# Luke 12:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

## Analysis

Jesus promises: 'Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.' The verb 'confess' (Greek 'homologēsē,' ὁμολογήσῃ) means to acknowledge, declare openly, agree with. Public confession of Christ results in Christ's confession of us before God's angels—divine acknowledgment before heaven's court. This requires courage when confession brings persecution. Yet the promise motivates—Christ will acknowledge us before God if we acknowledge Him before humans. Conversely, denying Christ results in Christ denying us (v. 9)—terrifying warning.

## Historical Context

This teaching came in context of persecution warnings (vv. 4-12). Disciples would face pressure to deny Christ to save their lives. Jesus promised that public confession—even resulting in martyrdom—guarantees Christ's confession of us before God. The phrase 'angels of God' suggests final judgment scene where Christ acknowledges His own. Early Christians faced this choice repeatedly—confess Christ and die, or deny Him and live. Martyrs chose confession, trusting this promise. Modern application extends beyond martyrdom—everyday opportunities to acknowledge or deny Christ through words and lifestyle. Consistent public identification with Christ demonstrates genuine faith.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What does Christ confessing us before angels indicate about final judgment and the eternal significance of our earthly confession?
2. How does this promise motivate courage in confessing Christ publicly despite social or physical consequences?

## Interlinear Text

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Λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν πᾶς ὃς ἀν ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ<sup>1</sup>  
**I say** **Also** **unto you** **Whosoever** **G3739** **G302** **confess** **G1722** **me** **G1698**  
G3004 G1161 G5213 G3956

ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπου καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου  
**before** **G3588** **men** **G444** **also** **G3588** **the Son** **G3588** **men** **G444**  
G1715

ὁμολογήσει ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀγγέλων τοῦ θεοῦ·  
**confess** **G1722** **him** **G846** **before** **G1715** **the angels** **G32** **of God** **G2316**

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 John 2:23** (Parallel theme): Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

**Luke 15:10** (References God): Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

**2 Timothy 2:12** (Parallel theme): If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

**Revelation 2:13** (Parallel theme): I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

**Revelation 2:10** (Parallel theme): Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

**Psalms 119:46** (Parallel theme): I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

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