

Matthew 10:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

Analysis

Jesus commands courage: 'Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known' (μη ουν φοβηθητε αυτους ουδεν γαρ εστιν κεκαλυμμενον ο ουκ αποκαλυφθησεται και κρυπτον ο ου γνωσθησεται). 'Fear not' (μη φοβηθητε) is command, not suggestion. Reason: truth will eventually prevail. What's currently 'covered' (κεκαλυμμενον, concealed) will be 'revealed' (αποκαλυφθησεται, uncovered). What's 'hid' (κρυπτον) will become 'known' (γνωσθησεται). This could mean:

1. gospel truth, now hidden from many, will be universally known
2. false accusations against Christians will be exposed as lies
3. hidden righteousness will be revealed in judgment.

Likely all three. Truth has inherent power to emerge. Temporary slander can't permanently suppress reality. This creates patient confidence: vindication is coming.

Historical Context

Early Christians faced persistent slander without means of public defense. No newspapers, public forums, or legal protections corrected false accusations. They depended on truth's eventual triumph through lived testimony and divine vindication. Church history shows this confidence justified: Christianity outlasted Roman Empire; slanders were eventually discredited; truth prevailed despite

centuries of opposition. Final vindication awaits Christ's return when all secrets are exposed (1 Corinthians 4:5) and righteousness publicly acknowledged.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does confidence in truth's eventual triumph shape how we respond to false accusations?
2. What does this passage teach about patience and long-term perspective in the face of injustice?
3. How can we maintain integrity when truth is currently suppressed or distorted?

Interlinear Text

Μή οὖν φοβηθῆτε αὐτούς· οὐδὲν γάρ ἔστιν
not therefore Fear them nothing for there is
G3361 G3767 G5399 G846 G3762 G1063 G2076

κεκαλυμμένον ὁ οὐ ἀποκαλυφθήσεται καὶ κρυπτὸν ὁ
covered not be revealed and hid G3739
G2572 G3756 G601 G2532 G2927

οὐ γνωσθήσεται
not be known
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 8:17 (Parallel theme): For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Jeremiah 1:8 (Parallel theme): Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

Mark 4:22 (Parallel theme): For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (Parallel theme): Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Isaiah 41:10 (Parallel theme): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Matthew 10:28 (Parallel theme): And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Isaiah 41:14 (Parallel theme): Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Proverbs 29:25 (Parallel theme): The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 28:1 (Parallel theme): The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Ezekiel 2:6 (Parallel theme): And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.