

## **THE DISCIPLE AND THE TEACHER**

### **MATTHEW 10: 23-24**

Introduction:

Who is your teacher? Whose ideas are most likely to affect your conduct?

Whoever it is that influences you most is your teacher and you are her disciple. Jesus understood this.

I confess that I have not regarded Jesus as my teacher as seriously as I should have. My Savior, yes! My Lord, yes! But not my teacher! I am not sure why, but I confess that it is true.

If I were to regard Him as my teacher, what difference would it make? How would I do this? Surely it would mean that the New Testament would become the most important book in my life. I have in the first books of the New Testaments a record what He taught while He was on the earth. I have in the rest of the New Testament what Jesus continued to teach after He returned to heaven. So I would give high regard to the New Testament, and it would become authoritative in my life.

Getting to Jesus better through the aid of the Holy Spirit would also become a priority in my life. I would prayerfully and meditatively seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit, He alone is qualified to lead me into a deeper knowledge of the risen Christ.

Against this background that I hear this important statement from the Teacher. It says so much about my relationship to Him. Consider three statements based upon this revealing word from Jesus. Be aware that Jesus is using disciple and servant interchangeably, and He is also using teacher and master interchangeably.

- I. LIKENESS TO THE TEACHER IS THE GOAL OF THE DISCIPLE.
- II. LIKENESS TO THE TEACHER IS THE GUIDE OF THE DISCIPLE.
- III. LIKENESS TO THE MASTER IS THE GLORY OF THE SERVANT.