“Privilege and Advantage for What Is Next” Part Two

**John 16:7-11** Sunday July 9, 2023 Pastor Timothy Atkins

## INTRODUCTION READ John 16:1-33

In this Upper Room discourse given to us here in the Gospel of John the words of the Lord Jesus for His own disciples are filled with promises, blessings, and prophecies . . . READ John 16:1, 33

Again Prophecy by the Lord Jesus that would be fulfilled & now is fulfilled . . .

An hour is coming . . . when their hour comes . . . I am going . . . I will send . . .

1. Such Privilege in Having the Words of Jesus

 With His Presence At That Time 16:1-6

 Coming Personal Persecution for the Disciples of Jesus

1. Such Privilege Jesus Has Spoken While With Them 16:1

“These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling.”

 I HAVE SPOKEN

1. Such Privilege Jesus Tells What Will Happen 16:2-3

“They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming”

 COMING religious people killing disciples of Jesus

1. Such Privilege Jesus Teaches Them That He Is Lord 16:4

“But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes”

 WHEN “ . . . you may remember that I told you of them.”

1. Such Privilege Jesus Knows All That Is Happening 16:5-6

“But now I am going to Him who sent Me . . .” NOW

“But because I have said these things to you,

 sorrow has filled your heart.” Cf. 14:1, 27

1. Such Advantage in The Coming of the Holy Spirit

 After The Absence of Jesus For These Last Days 16:7-11

 Coming Personal Prosecution for the World

1. Such Advantage With Jesus Speaking Truth on Earth 16:7a

“But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away . . .”

 I TELL YOU “But I myself the truth speak to you . . .”

1. Such Advantage of The Coming Helper from Heaven 16:7b

 “but if I go, I will send Him to you.” Future Active Indicative

 I WILL Cf. 14:16-17; 15:26

1. Such Advantage With The Convicting Ministry of The Spirit 16:8

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

 WHEN HE COMES Future Active Indicative

 emphatic demonstrative masculine pronoun cf. 16:13-14

 Call to reject what they believe & how they behave

“judgment certain to come as condemnation because of sin and the lack of righteousness.” Read John 3:20; 8:46

“In a sense this ministry correlates with the world’s activity of persecution.”

 Wycliffe Bible Commentary

1. Such Advantage With The Prosecuting Testimony for the World

 16:9-11

 “concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me . . .” JUDGMENT

 “. . . concerning righteousness . . . and concerning judgment”

 Cf. John 7:24 VERDICT

“because . . . because . . . because . . .” proofs of how the world is wrong

“because the ruler of this world has been judged” he stands condemned

 Cf. John 12:31; 14:30

Jesus is saying the ruler of this world does not escape judgement . . .

CONCLUSION You are privileged, and You have advantage . . .

* The Importance and place of the words of Jesus in the lives of His disciple
* Thank you Holy Spirit for your convicting ministry showing me and telling me what I need to know about sin, righteousness, and judgment in my life before God as a disciple of Jesus Salvation by grace through faith in Christ
* The convicting testimony of the Spirit of God is necessary in ministering to a hostile world persecuting the disciples of Jesus
* Convicting the world through the ministry of the Spirit of God by our testimony of the Son of God calling them to repentance, faith,& obedience
* Being His disciple who has repented of the sin of not believing in Jesus, who is now having the righteousness of Jesus by faith, and who is understanding the judgment of God without Jesus