



# Christ's Perfect Provision

*When You've Been Rejected*

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1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.51-53)

**Luke 9:51** When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

**52** And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. **53** But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

2. Always \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.54-55)

**54** And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" **55** But he turned and rebuked them.

**56** And they went on to another village. (ESV)

3. Know \_\_\_\_\_ (v.56)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 15:18-23**. What concerns should you have and what kind of things should you evaluate in your own life if you as a Christian rarely experience rejection or any substantial opposition?
2. Read **1 Peter 4:1-5**. In what specific ways do you see in our modern society that even when a Christian is not particularly evangelistic nor very outspoken about his faith that he is still subject to rejection?
3. Read **Colossians 4:3-6** and **2 Timothy 2:24-26**. How might a Christian be prepared for rejection without becoming cynical and pessimistic regarding the non-Christians he encounters from day to day?
4. Read **Romans 12:17-21**. What are some of the subtle (and not so subtle) ways you have "taken your own revenge" against those who have maligned you or rejected you because of your relationship with Christ?
5. Read **Matthew 10:23** and **Acts 13:46-47**. What are some of the negative ramifications associated with stubbornly continuing to invest all of your time and effort in winning back those who reject you because of your Christianity?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.9-10 & Mt.18:1-20*

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.11-12 & Mt.18:21-35*

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.13-15 & Mt.19:1-15*

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.16-18 & Mt.19:16-30*

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.19-21 & Mt.20:1-16*

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Ex.22-24 & Mt.20:17-34*

**January 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Ex.25-26 & Mt.21:1-22*

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Ex.27-28 & Mt.21:23-46*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).*

Msg. 13-24 – **Reputations & Vital Responsibilities**

Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**

Msg. 12-20 – **When Nothing Seems Fair**

Msg. 12-42 – **A Controversial Baby: Simeon on the Polarizing Effects of Jesus Christ**

Msg. 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**

Msg. 06-51 – **A Day of Reckoning: Understanding God's Judgment**

Msg. 11-08 – 11-11 – **Enemies, Grace & Revenge** (a 4-part series on handling opposition)

## *This Week's Social Media Hashtag*

**#ChristProvides**

*For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.*

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Adams, Jay. **Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage**. Zondervan, 1986.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Elliot, Elisabeth. **A Path Through Suffering**. Servant Publications, 1990.

Fabarez, Mike. **Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt**. Harvest House, 2014.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

MacArthur, John. **Slave: The Hidden Truth About Your Identity in Christ**. Thomas Nelson, 2010.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.

Piper, John. **Love Your Enemies: Jesus' Love Command in the Synoptic Gospels**. Baker Books, 1992.

Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.

Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.