

The Reality of Rejection

The reality of rejection does not negate the reality of God’s kingdom.

• “But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.” (Luke 10:10–12, ESV)

The reality of rejection is followed by the reality of God’s judgment.

• “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.” (Luke 10:13–15, ESV)

Response to God's message and ministry delivered by God's people is response to God.

• *“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”*
(Luke 10:16, ESV)
