

WHEN THE WORLD HATES YOU BECAUSE OF HIM

Sermon Series: "Living The Psalms Together"

(A year-long study through The Psalms)

Psalm 35

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¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ **But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'** ²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. **16** "I have said all these vindicate things to you to keep you from falling away." **John 15:18-16:1 (ESV)**

3 Request We Can Make To God When We Are Hated

1. GOD PLEASE PROTECT ME FROM MY HATERS (vss. 1-10)

Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! ² Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! ³ Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!" ⁴ Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me! ⁵ Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away! ⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them! ⁷ For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life. ⁸ Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it! And let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it—to his destruction! ⁹ Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his salvation. ¹⁰ All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?" **Psalm 35:1-10 (ESV)**

"His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." **Matthew 3:12 (ESV)**

2. GOD PLEASE REWARD ME FOR MY FAITHFULNESS (vss. 11-18)

¹¹ *Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know. ¹² They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft. ¹³ But I, when they were sick— I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with*

fasting; I prayed with head bowed on my chest. ¹⁴I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning. ¹⁵But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered; they gathered together against me; wretches whom I did not know tore at me without ceasing; ¹⁶like profane mockers at a feast, they gnash at me with their teeth. ¹⁷How long, O Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their destruction, my precious life from the lions! ¹⁸I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you.” **Psalm 35:11-18 (ESV)**

3. GOD PLEASE DELIVER ME FROM MY HATERS (vss. 19-28)

¹⁹Let not those rejoice over me who are wrongfully my foes, and let not those wink the eye who hate me without cause. ²⁰For they do not speak peace, but against those who are quiet in the land they devise words of deceit. ²¹They open wide their mouths against me; they say, “Aha, Aha! Our eyes have seen it!” ²²You have seen, O LORD; be not silent! O Lord, be not far from me! ²³Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication, for my cause, my God and my Lord! ²⁴Vindicate me, O LORD, my God, according to your righteousness, and let them not rejoice over me! ²⁵Let them not say in their hearts, “Aha, our heart’s desire!” Let them not say, “We have swallowed him up.” ²⁶Let them be put to shame and disappointed altogether who rejoice at my calamity! Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves against me! ²⁷Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore, “Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of his servant!” ²⁸Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.” **Psalm 35:19-28 (ESV)**

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” **Romans 8:32 (ESV)**

But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. **1 Peter 4:15-19 (ESV)**

When you made the decision to follow Jesus and make Him Lord of your life, haters are going to come into your life to attempt to steal, kill and destroy you. This is to be expected and your faithfulness to His mission is crucial, so....NEVER GIVE UP LOVING GOD, SERVING PEOPLE AND REACHING THE WORLD...ONE PERSON AT A TIME!!