



Don't Forget the Re-bar: Hatred from the World as Strength for the Soul

John 15:18-27 – July 21, 2024

John 15:18–27 “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. (ESV)

John 16 [1] “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. [2] They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. [3] And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. [4] But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

Matthew 5:11–12 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (ESV)

2 Timothy 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, (ESV)

1 Peter 4:12–13 [12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. (ESV)

Philippians 3:10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (ESV)

Introduction:

A longing for love and friendship.

1. A Coming Hatred: Followers of Jesus will be hated by the world.

Troubled?

2. Re-bar for the Soul: Hatred from the world as strength for the soul.

- a. Hatred from the world is ordained for us by our Sovereign and loving God. (5:18-6:4)
- b. Jesus leads the way into a world of hatred. (18)
- c. We were chosen out of a world of hate headed for destruction. (19)
- d. We have been chosen out of the false love of the world into the true love of Jesus. (19)
- e. Hatred from the world assures us of our union with Jesus. (20-21)
- f. Hatred from the world is the apex of man’s rebellion against God and will be judged. (22-24)
- g. Hatred of the world is shared by the Godhead. (23)
- h. ***Hatred from the world deepens our communion with Jesus and each other.***

--- Revelation Demands Response ---

- 1. Suffer for Jesus’ sake, not for being a donkey.**
- 2. Don’t forget the re-bar!**
 - a. Teaching – the whole counsel of God.
 - b. Experience – don’t constantly run from persecution.
- 3. Jesus was hated without a cause, yet He loved without a cause (we didn’t deserve it!)**
 - a. Be born again!

Application questions on the back →

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For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

SUNDAY after church...

Think through the morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give. 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received. 3) List songs that touched your heart.

MONDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** How do you process Scripture about persecution in your heart? Does it trouble or strengthen your heart? Why?

TUESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** What persecution have you endured as a follower of Jesus?

WEDNESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Do you believe God is sovereign over any persecution we face? Do you believe He has purpose in the persecution we face? What Scriptures ground your conviction?

THURSDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Should we ever avoid persecution? Are there Biblical examples of this?

FRIDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** How does suffering with Jesus deepen our union with Him? Have you experienced this? Are we suffering together as a Body? How does persecution deepen the bonds between brothers and sisters in the Church?

SATURDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS & BUILD:** How is the Lord calling you to help build the Body of Christ up tomorrow in love?

***Let us join the work of Christ in bringing His Light to the world!
Our purpose is to know...follow...and love Christ!***

