

The Believer with the World!

John 15:18 -20

In **John 15:18-27** we see the believer with the world. The conflict between light and darkness. The word **“hate”** mentioned 8 times in 10 verses.

So, Jesus prepares his followers of the nature of the conflict and our role as believers within the midst of it by asking **four questions...**

- **Who** is the enemy of God’s people?
- **What** will the enemy of God do?
- **Why** the conflict anyway?
- **How** shall we respond during the conflict?

So, with that let’s look at **John 15** and **how Jesus offers hope and peace** (John 16:33) in the midst of the coming reality of persecution.

First question,

Who is the enemy against God’s people?

John 15:18 *“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.”*

Notes: Genesis 3:14-15; Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; **Revelation 12:9**

John 15:19, *“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.”*

At the heart of the world system then is an evil directed by Satan that hates God and anyone who is connected to God **will be hated by this world system.**

Look ahead at 16:2 of John, Jesus says to his eleven and us...

John 16:2, *“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.”*

John 16:3, *“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.”*

There is another question that comes from the text here...

Q. What can we expect from the enemy of God to do? ...

John 16:19, *“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.**”*

- **Expect** to be **H**_____ from the world system.

Second, verse 20,

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.***

- **Expect** to be **P**_____.

“to persecute” – to put to flight – to pursue.

The third is found in John 16:2,

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- **Expect** **D**_____.

TAKE AWAY

Let us renew ourselves to what Jesus has **called us to do...**

This is the time God has placed us in which to make Christ known!

The clock is ticking, when God says that is all ... that is all!

The longer we live on this earth the more homesick for heaven we should be!