

"IF THEY PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU."

THE COMING



# PERSECUTION

JOHN 15:18-25

**HARBOR**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**“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.’”**

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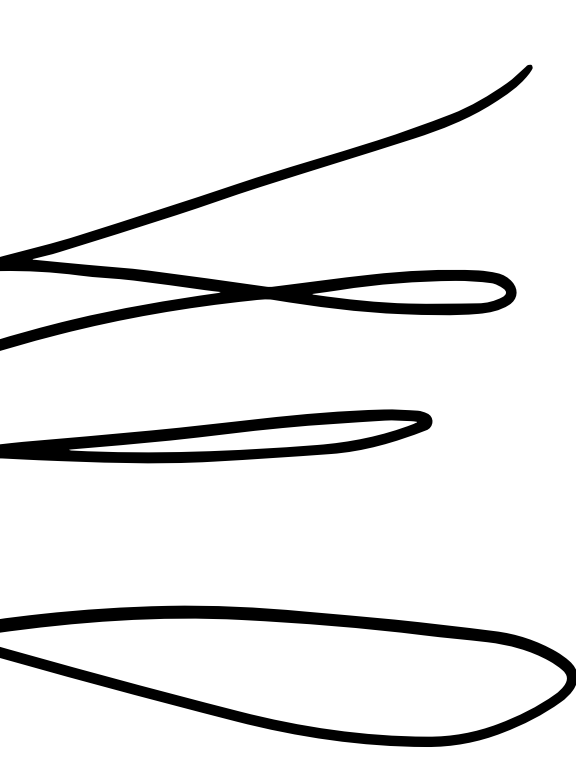
 

**THOSE WHO ABIDE IN JESUS SHOULD  
EXPECT TO RECEIVE HATRED FROM THE  
WORLD BECAUSE OF THEIR UNION WITH  
JESUS.**




**"THE WORLD" REFERRED TO HERE WOULD  
BE EVERYONE WHO HAS DELIBERATELY  
SINNED & REBELLED AGAINST THEIR  
CREATOR.**

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**ALL CHRISTIANS WERE ONCE HOSTILE  
ENEMIES OF GOD *UNTIL* GOD MERCIFULLY  
CHOSE TO EXTEND GRACE TO THEM  
THROUGH JESUS.**







**THE ONLY REASON WHY YOU ARE NOT  
STILL AN ENEMY OF GOD IS BECAUSE  
GOD IS MERCIFUL.**







**AS ONE WHO IS ABIDING IN JESUS,  
YOUR **ACTIONS AND MOTIVES** SHOULD  
LOOK DIFFERENT THAN THE ACTIONS  
AND MOTIVES OF THE WORLD.**

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**"TO PERSECUTE" MEANS TO EXTEND TO  
SOMEONE HARASSMENT OR TROUBLE OR  
HOSTILITY OR MISTREATMENT ON BEHALF  
OF SOMEONE OR SOMETHING.**



**NOBODY KNOWS THE PAIN OF REJECTION  
BETTER THAN YOUR GOD.**







**BEING REJECTED BY THE WORLD  
DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE REJECTED  
BY GOD.**

“IF THEY PERSECUTED ME (WHICH THEY  
OBVIOUSLY DID), THEY WILL ALSO  
PERSECUTE YOU. IF THEY KEPT MY WORD  
(WHICH THEY DIDN'T), THEN THEY WILL  
OBEY YOURS (SO THEY OBVIOUSLY WON'T  
OBEY YOURS, EITHER).”

• “IF THEY PERSECUTED ME (WHICH THEY  
OBVIOUSLY DID), THEY WILL ALSO  
PERSECUTE YOU. IF THEY KEPT MY WORD  
(WHICH SOME OF THEM DID), THEN THEY  
WILL OBEY YOURS.”



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**THE END OF VERSE 20 GIVES US HOPE TO  
CONTINUE WALKING WITH JESUS AND  
PROCLAIMING THE HOPE OF JESUS.**

**NOT ALL OF THE WORLD WILL RESPOND  
TO THE MESSAGE OF JESUS WITH  
REJECTION; SOME WILL BELIEVE!**