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Week 44: Handling the World's Hatred (John 15:18-16:4)

How are we to respond to the world when they hate us?

Objective: To better understand the deity of Christ and therefore grow in our affections for Him – so that we may live a life worthy of Him.

Purpose of Book: “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

Why Does the World Hate Christians (vv. 18-25)

If we proclaim Jesus to the world, why should we expect the world to hate us?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

How Should Christians Respond to the World's Hatred (15:26-16:4)

Jesus gives us the Spirit to help us with what in the midst of persecution?

According to 16:1-4, how should Christians respond to persecution?

John Paton – “Life in such circumstances led me to cling very near to the Lord Jesus; I know not, for one brief hour, when or how attack might be made; and yet, with my trembling hand clasped in the hand once nailed on Calvary, and now swaying the scepter of the universe, calmness and peace and resignation abode in my soul.”

Reflection Questions

1. How might fear of the world cause one to fall away from Jesus?
2. Why is Jesus so hated?
3. What reason do you have to rejoice in the face of persecution?