

“The Gospel of John”

Lesson #47 - John 15:18-27

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I. Introduction

II. Our reality (hostility) v.18-21

A. The World

B. Persecution and privilege

“The world condemned persecutes; the world reconciled suffers persecution.” Augustine

III. Guilt of Unbelief (hatred) v.22-25

A. What convicts?

B. No room for ambivalence

C. Prophetic fulfillment

IV. Hope v.26-27

A. Helper

B. Witness

V. Conclusion

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I John 2:15 ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

John 3:16 ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Gen. 4:8 ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Heb. 11:4 ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

I John 3:12 ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

Beatitudes: Matt. 5:10-12 ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.¹¹ “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.

Sending of disciples: Matt. 10:16-18 ¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

Apocalypse: Luke 21:12-13 ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

John 14:17 ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 1:10-11 ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

John 9:22 ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)

Eph 1:4 ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Mark 13:9 ⁹ “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them.

Acts 4:18 ¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Rom.3:23 ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

John 1:1 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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John 5:17,36 ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”... ³⁶ But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.

John 10:25 ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,

John 14:9,11 ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?... ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Ps. 35:19 ¹⁹ Let not those rejoice over me who are wrongfully my foes, and let not those wink the eye who hate me without cause.

Ps. 69:4 ⁴ More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause;

John 6:66 ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

John 14:26 ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.