

The True Vine Part 3

“18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. 26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” (John 15:18-27 KJV)

After the speaking of Jesus to His disciples and His instructions to them to love one another, He is here preparing them for the task that they would be facing soon.

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.” (John 15:18 KJV) Jesus is telling them here that the world would hate them. The word ‘hate’, had been repeated here seven times and that stress on the importance of this Word of God. *The Lord Jesus in this He warning to the disciples and to us today; He is telling them and telling to us that they and we need to have more love so that they and we will be able to face the hatred of the world against them and us today.*

He is also assuring them and us today that this will take place and the people will hate them and hate us as they had hated Him.

Listen here, it is not the danger of the hate that the world will have against us but the danger in how much love we will have toward them. The real danger is when we don't have an enough love toward the world that hates us.

If we live our lives and many people love us then there is something wrong in us and not in the world. They suppose to hate us rather than loving us. But when we compromise in the thing that Jesus would not allow us to do, then the people will love us.

So now we are more aware, that to follow Christ, we will be hated by the world, as the world hated Jesus, and with this fact we know that God wants us still to be fruitful and bear much fruit for the glory of God the Father so that we will not be cut and thrown away into fire.

Therefore, we need to have more love, more fruit of the Holy Spirit and more abiding in His love, as well as we need not to behave like the people who does not know God and start to do the same in hating others.

When we are hated and troubled, God wants us to forgive, not to revenge, not to retaliate and not to threaten. Such attitude to be achieved in us needs from us more abiding in Him, more abiding in His church, in His Word, and in His love.

“If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” (John 15:18 KJV) *Jesus told His disciples and to us today that if they and we will be from the world and behave in a worldly way, the world will love them and love us. Jesus is telling them and to us today that if they and we will go along the non believers in the world, they will love them and love us because they and we will be doing the same wrong doing of others. But when they and we will separate from the world and not to do the sinful things of the world the world will hate them and hate us.*

We live in the world, but we are chosen by the Lord out of the world to live and act according to what Jesus and His Word need us to live. Therefore we need to bear that the people of the world would hate us if we decided to follow Jesus and to abide in His will and to walk in His ways.

“Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.” (John 15:20 KJV) *Jesus here reminded His disciples and he is reminding us today with His Word, that we who serve the Lord we are not greater than our Lord Jesus Christ. If they had persecuted Jesus, they will also persecute us.* So there is a possibility of persecution to come across our lives. Jesus also said, ***if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also***, so it means there is possibility that they will either keep or drop the Word of Jesus. *So when we preach the people might keep God's Word or not, but we should not be angry and upset if people reject God's Word.*

Jesus said, ***If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you:*** *That means we might be persecuted directly where we will be threatened when we preach the Word of God to the people of the world around us. Or persecution will come against us from the devil in an indirect way when we are troubled by problems in health, finances, troubles in our families, or whatever way that devil will use to hinder us to go forward and preach His Word to the lost.*

All these troubles will come on us because we believe on Jesus and we follow Him: ***“But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.” (John 15:21 KJV)*** Jesus here gives the reason why those people will do such things against us because they don't know God the Father who sent Jesus, God the Son, and they don't know Jesus and that is why they hate us. *So we need to persevere to show our love toward the Lord by obeying His commands and instructions, and continue to do so in order that the love of God will be manifested through our lives and that they would come and*

believe in the Lord, and ultimately would see Him and know God the Father who sent Him to the world to save sinners. So here is our assignment that we need to continue to show love to the world and as the followings:

1. “If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.” (John 15:22 KJV) Jesus came and spoke to the world the Word of God. We need to do the same. We need to continue to declare the Word of God to the people around us, even if they will hate us as they hated Jesus. We are called to be witnesses for Jesus to declare His Word to them. Jesus said that since they heard the Word and did not respond to the call of God then that will be their sins, that they will be receiving God’s judgment for it. They would have no excuse after they heard the Word of God and not obeyed.

“He that hateth me hateth my Father also.” (John 15:23 KJV) Jesus told the disciples and He is telling us today that when the people will hate the Word of God that the disciples, and what we preached, they are not hating us alone but they are hating Jesus and God the Father who sent Jesus and who is sending us to preach His Word..

2. “If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.” (John 15:24 KJV) Jesus is God, and came and did the works of God that the Lord asked Him to do. What work Jesus did on the earth no man had done before. Therefore, we are called also not only to speak the Word of God but we will do the very work that God wants us to do. We need to do the unique work that Jesus wants us to do.

Noah did not only preach God’s Word. But he lived the talk and did exactly the very work that God requested him to do, and in such a way he was a witness to God and he challenged the world to comply with God and to follow God. We in the same way when we do what the Lord asking us to do and persevere in doing it inspite of all the persecution then we are challenging the world to respond to the call of God, to be changed, follow Christ and live for Him. When we do the work of God the people may laugh on us, ridicule us and or persecute us but we need to persevere in doing our part and continue to do so until God would fulfill His purpose through our lives and our ministry.

“25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.” (John 15:25 KJV) To be hated by the world and by the people around you is the fulfillment of the Word of God and the prophecies in the Scriptures. Jesus caught that prophecy from the book of Psalms: **“Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.” (Psalm 35:19 KJV)** They will hate us without reason, it means that they will hate us without ourselves being doing anything bad toward them. Therefore let us do the work of God without causing hurt or harm to others, and let us pray as David prayed that our enemies will not rejoice over us.

The enemy may not only hate us without a real reason but they may persecute us further, they would even try to destroy us, and cause us to restore what we did not take away, **“They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.” (Psalm 69:4 KJV)** We need to be more aware not only about how the non believers will persecute us and abuse us, but the more we need to be aware that we should not retaliate or revenge and harm those people who harm us. In this way we ensure that we will be the good and the effective witness for Jesus our Savior and Lord in this world.

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.” (John 15:26 KJV) Jesus here promised that He will send the Holy Spirit that will proceed from God the Father, and the Holy Spirit when will come will testify about Jesus, and that will help us, aid us and support us in our endeavor to witness about Lord Jesus to others who are in the world around us.

“And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” (John 15:27 KJV) Jesus here is saying to the disciples and to us today, that they need and we need to continue to be witness for Jesus as the Holy Spirit would come. With this instruction of Jesus we can understand that we cannot say let the Holy Spirit minister to the people and we will not do our part. That is not correct. The reason for Jesus to send to us the Holy Spirit is to aid us in our campaign to preach God’s Word and to do the work with all its details that God is requiring from us to do to be a witness to the non believers around us and to challenge them to give their lives to Jesus and to follow Him.

My dear and beloved: It is not the danger of the hate that the world will have against us but the danger in how much love we will have toward them. The real danger is when we don’t have an enough love toward the world that hates us.

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The Word of Jesus to us, ***“And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” (John 15:27 KJV)*** *We are called this very day to shine more with God’s love and continue in this life to persevere to show love toward the people whom we are called to reach out and even to those who persecute us, who hate us, and cause us troubles. We are called to persevere to bear fruit and to continue to do so to bear fruit until Jesus would come to take us with Him to heaven.*

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word to me, and thank you for reminding me to abide in your love and to walk in love and to love one another. Thank you Lord for reminding me that I will be persecuted, and even hated with from the people who you are sending me to preach your Word to them.

Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord I renounce them all.

Lord I commit myself that I will not do what the people of the world are doing. Lord I commit myself to forgive those who hated me and injured me. I commit myself Lord not to revenge, not to retaliate nor to threaten those who were bad to me without reason.

Lord I pray that you will help me to bear all the pressure of life and the persecution. Lord help me to bear all the attack of the enemy and the work that devil is trying doing against me as I determined to serve you and to do what you asked me to do. Lord gives me more of your love and more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit to bear the hatred and the rejection that I am passing through. Lord protects me and provides all my needs and solves all my problems to continue to serve you.

Ask the Lord to solve the problem that you are suffering from. Lord helps me to solve this problem _____.

Lord delivers me from the work of devil that is waging against me to hinder me from serving you.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who committed themselves to the principle of this message of yours. Lord bless them and make them more persevering to separate themselves from sins, and to bear the pressure of the world and the persecution that the devil will do against them because they had decided to follow you. Lord gives them more love to continue to love the people that you had called them to minister and to reach out. Lord fills them with the Holy Spirit so they will move and reach people and witness to them with the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord helps each and every one of them to bear the fruit that you desire to see in his / her life.

Lord I pray that you will fill us with your Holy Spirit and give to us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we need in our lives so that we can carry your love to others, and so also we can go and evangelize and make new disciples and complete the work that you ordained for us to do. Lord protect us from the evil one and provide our needs to continue to serve you. Lord protects us from the persecution and the power of darkness that is waging against us.

Lord answers our prayers so that we will be bearing much fruit that will remain for your glory and to be witness to you all over the world till you come and take us with you to heaven. Lord enable us to plant more Bible studies and more congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hands be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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