

Persevering the persecution.
(blessed to have the strength of Christ)

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Joh 15:19 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.

We are chosen, and with that choosing we are told right up front that we will be hated of the world because of this election. (Joseph is a shadow of this being separated and hated by our brothers as is king David who never has the sword depart from his house as promised in 2Sa 12:10)

Another "shall not depart" statement is found in Gen 49:10 which is equivalent to saying the gates of hell will not prevail against the church Mat 16:18. They won't prevail because Christ will author the success that comes from not having the sword depart from God's house.

Whatever he went through we can expect the same, and thank God for this trial of our faith because it is with this lifelong thorn of being hated by all men for His name sake (his words) that His power can rest upon us (2Co 12:8-9, Rom 8:17, Php 4:13, Mat 24:13)

The world serves us in their unbelief as well, and they serve us by hating us, just as Joseph's brothers did. Joseph in shadow was called, chosen, and faithful until the end.

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Joh 15:20 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.

If we are to be true servants of Christ's, then we will be given to "**Remember the word that I said unto you**", by way of the holy spirit bringing us into remembrance of all things (Joh 14:26).

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

We will remember that as He is so are we in this world (1Jn 4:17), and the world rejected Christ, and His gospel, and they persecuted Him, but interestingly they kept His sayings, and promises us that they will keep the sayings that we utter as well, and this will later witness against them (Gen 42:13). Just as Joseph's brothers words later witnessed against them (Gen 37:5-6).

Gen 42:13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one is not.

Gen 37:5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

Gen 37:6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

The world has supernaturally been able to preserve the word of God, and keep it in that sense, but it is the elect who are now able to not only keep the word, preserve the word, but read and hear it as well. (Rev 1:3, Mar 4:12).

Joh 15:20... "The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;"

Mat 10:25 demonstrates another way of what Christ is saying in this verse.

Mat 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?

This is certainly not my favourite subject but just as a reminder let's look at the word **persecute(d)** and we will see that there is reason to rejoice even when we know that Christ has promised us that we will be persecuted and hated by all men for his names sake. Joh 15:20

Persecuted

Mat 5:10 your blessed...

Mat 5:12 rejoice...

Joh 15:20 remember the word...

Act 7:52 this is the indictment on us all...

Act 22:4 are former conversation...

Act 26:11 we drive people away from Christ

1Co 4:12 the new man is reviled...

1Co 15:9 we are used to demonstrate God's longsuffering and mercy first...

2Co 4:9 learning to trust the living God...

Gal 1:13 Jew's religion persecutes the church of God...

Gal 1:23 from persecutor to preacher...

Gal 4:29 flesh against spirit... Gal 5:16

e-sword search: (flesh spirit)

1Th 2:15 the beast within...

Rev 12:13 the war between the two Adam's

Persecute

Mat 5:11-12 You are blessed...

Mat 5:44 Love your enemies...

Mat 10:23 The kingdom is within...

Mat 23:34 His workmanship witnesses...

Luk 11:49 His workmanship witnesses...

Luk 21:12 His workmanship witnesses...

Joh 5:16 We witness against the worlds sabbath, with our sabbath within (Col 1:27)

Joh 15:20 The promise of tribulation...

Rom 12:14 God calls us to bless...

Joh 15:20... "if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."

We see this verse lived out on the websites the Lord has given us, and we know that people are watching God's elect which is what God had always intended and written in each of our books (Mat 5:14-16).

They are keeping our sayings, but Christ tells us what he likens the world unto at this time when the true gospel message is being heard but not actually received in (Eze 33:30-32)

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Mat 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Joh 15:21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

Those verses in Ezekiel tie into this next verse in John. The world is reacting to the gospel of Jesus Christ with blinded eyes, and ears that don't hear just as we all did at first, and the persecution will come once they understand what we are saying his **"name's sake"**, his word's sake really declares.

We are withholding the rain from the world as Elijah the prophet (type of the elect) did in the book of James (Jas 5:17, Rev 11:6), when we let the world know that many are called but few are chosen (Mat 22:14), or when we let the world know "he is not Jew which is one outwardly, but he is a Jew which is one inwardly..."(Rom 2:28).

Jas 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

The world does not know God... **"because they know not him that sent me."** This scripture which applies to Christ, applies to us as well. We are sent as Christ was sent of His Father knowing that will be rejected (Joh 20:21, Luk 17:25, Zec 4:10, Isa 26:9).