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Thoughts from our Pastor:

Hate towards Christians.

John 15:18 *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."*

We are called "Christians" because we are followers of Jesus Christ, and we align ourselves with Him. The world hates God and because they do, they will hate Jesus and that's why they hate Israel and Christians. Never forget that the lost people are at enmity with God, *"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."* Romans 8:7 – 8 Lost people may say they love God, they may think in their depraved minds that they love God, but in their lost hearts being they loathe God. Even if they are called "Christian" or "churches" they hate God and His true being. They hate His Sovereignty and the very fact that He controls everything, and they hate us because we are part of Him, we believe who He is, the Sovereign God. We have true salvation and they do not, they cannot figure it out. God is nothing like them, everything about Him is different and better than they are. The world hated Jesus, God's very Son. From the time He was born till the moment he "gave up the ghost" they hated Him. They hated Him so much they set a murder loose and crucified an innocent man in Jesus Christ. We all know that God ordained His death. We know that God put our sins on Him and that He why He ordained them to kill Him. We all know that Jesus's death was about our living, living eternally with Him in heaven. But that does not excuse the will and desire of these hateful people to crucify the Son of man, Jesus Christ. It would not bother them to kill Christians, because it has happened already and is happening today in some parts of the world. Jesus said, *"He that hateth me hateth my Father also."* John 15:23 You cannot love Jesus and hate The Father; you cannot hate the Son and love the Father. And you cannot love either of them and hate other Christians. *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."* 1 John 4:7 People who call themselves Christians are also murders of Christians. The Catholic's have more Christian blood on their hands than maybe anyone. Those churches in reformation in the 1500's all killed Christians, just because they were different. These people today still (in their hearts) hate Christians, even in America today they hate Christians, they hate our Sovereign God, they hate Jesus Christ and rule Him worthless in salvation. It's not that they simply disagree with us, they hate us. But folks, it isn't us they hate, it is Jesus in us they hate because they are at enmity with Him. This dear beloved is what we need to remember, *"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. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me." John 15:20 – 21

Discontent!

By Arthur Pink

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." Philippians 4:11

Contentment is the being satisfied with the sovereign dispensations of God's providence. It is the opposite of murmuring, which is the spirit of rebellion—the clay saying to the Potter, "Why have You made me thus?" Instead of complaining at his lot—a contented man is thankful that his condition and circumstances are no worse than they are.

Discontent! Was there ever a time when there was so much discontent and restlessness in the world, as there is today? We very much doubt it. Despite our boasted progress, the vast increase of wealth, the time and money expended daily in pleasure—discontent is everywhere! No class is exempt. Everything is in a state of flux, and almost everybody is dissatisfied. Many even among God's own people are affected with the evil spirit of this age.

Contentment! Is such a thing realizable, or is it nothing more than a beautiful ideal, a mere dream of the poet? Is it attainable on earth, or is it restricted to the inhabitants of Heaven? If feasible here and now—may it be retained, or are a few brief moments or hours of contentment the most that we may expect in this life?

The force of Paul's statement will be better appreciated, if his condition and circumstances at the time he made it, are kept in mind. When the apostle wrote the words, he was not luxuriating in a special suite in the Emperor's palace—but was in prison "in chains". The contentment which Paul enjoyed, was not the result of congenial and comfortable surroundings. Most people suppose that contentment is impossible, unless one can have the desires of the carnal heart gratified. A prison is the last place to which they would go, if they were seeking a contented man. This much, then, is clear—contentment comes from within and not without; it must be sought from God, not in creature comforts.

Now, there is a vast difference between precept and practice, between the ideal and the realization. But in the case of Paul, contentment was an actual experience! It was something he had learned in the school of Christian experience.

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said—Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

A dreadful release!

By Richard Hill, 1732-1808

When a poor lost soul dies, who has long lingered under some painful bodily disease, it is often said, "It is good for him that he is released from his pain."

Yet it is a dreadful release—from earth to Hell!

"The rich man also died and was buried. In Hell, where he was in torment . . . "

Luke 16:22-23

Spurgeon Quotes:

"Why must we have a severe sickness or affliction in order to drive us to God and bring us to our knees? We must go to God in every time of peril and trouble—even in the minor trials and difficulties of life."

"Sickness may deprive us of a thousand comforts—but there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God!"