

# Scripture

JOHN 15:18 – 16:4

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# Haters Gonna Hate

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# **I. The Expectation of Persecution**

**A. *A clear warning: We are expected***

***to experience persecution vs. 20***

**B. *A warning with purpose.***

**1. 16:1 “So you will not go astray.”**

**2. “The purpose of these verses is to eliminate the surprise factor when persecution does break out...” D.A. Carson, *John*, 524**

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# **I. The Expectation of Persecution**

***B. A warning with purpose.***

**3. 1 John 3:12**

***C. A warning with tension***

**1. Rm. 13:18 Pursue Peace**

**2. 1 Ti. 2:1-2 Pray for Peace**

***D. While we faithfully pursue and pray for peace with the world around us, we should not be surprised by persecution.***

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## **II. The Explanation for Persecution**

### **A. Who will persecute us?**

#### **1. The World**

- a) The world as the physical universe**
- b) The world as all humanity in general**
- c) The world as sinful humanity**

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## **II. The Explanation for Persecution**

### **B. How will they persecute us?**

- 1. They will kick us out. 6:2 – social and emotional persecution**
- 2. They will kill us. 6:2 – physical harm**
- 3. They will do everything in between**

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## **II. The Explanation for Persecution**

### **C. Why do they persecute us? *HATE***

#### **1. They hate us - vs. 18a**

**a) We are not of them.**

**We do not belong.**

**We are citizens of heaven.**

#### **2. They hate our Lord - vs. 18b, 21, and 23**

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**- vs. 18b, 21, and 23**

**a) Jesus is not their Lord. They don't belong to him. He is not their shepherd. He is not their vine that they get life from. He is light and exposes their evil deeds, and they love darkness rather than light.**



## **II. The Explanation for Persecution**

### **C. Why do they persecute us? *HATE***

#### **3. They hate our Lord's Father vs. 23**

**a) Persecution is ultimately an attack against the heavenly Father. Jesus makes this clear in Chapter. 8:39-45. When the Jews wanted to kill Jesus in Chapter 8, Jesus told them it was because God was not their father & their allegiance & devotion was to their true father Satan. Eph. 2:1-2.**

### **III. The Exhortation during Persecution**

Jesus knows that persecution brings with it certain temptations. Two temptations I believe Jesus addresses in this passage.

1) Shutting up 2) Shaking loose.

**A. We must remain a faithful follower of Jesus in the midst of persecution, because Satan would love to shake us loose Vs. 16:1**

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# **III. The Exhortation during Persecution**

**B. We must Remain faithful witnesses of Jesus in the midst of persecution because Satan would love for us to Shut up. vs. 26-27**

**1. Why?**

- a) Our persecutors need to hear the gospel**
- b) Our persecutors may come to faith because of our faithful witnessing**

# **III. The Exhortation during Persecution**

**B. We must Remain faithful witnesses of Jesus in the midst of persecution because Satan would love for us to Shut up. vs. 26-27**

**2. How?**

**With the help of the Holy Spirit.  
Vs. 26.**

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