

THE WORLD'S HATRED

JOHN 15:17-21

I. THE WORLD HAS A CERTAIN FEELING TOWARD GOD'S VINEYARD (15:18)

II. THE FIRST REASON FOR THE WORLD'S HATRED (15:19-20)

A. The Cause Is In Your New Nature (15:19a)

1. It's Not Because One Is Zealous
2. It's Not Because One Believes Differently
3. It's Not Even Because One Lives Differently

B. There Are Things That Mask The Enormity Of The Difference Between Those Who Are And *"Are Not Of This World"*

1. Family Ties
2. Ethnic Affinities
3. Patriotism
4. Common Customs Or Interests

C. The Lord Stresses His Choice Of Them To Encourage Them In The Face Of The Temptation To Desert Him (15:19b)

III. THE INEVITABILITY OF THE WORLD'S NEGATIVE RESPONSE (15:20)

A. The Lord Once Again Returns To A Statement He Had Made Earlier That Evening In [13:16]: *The Servant Is Not Greater Than His Lord*

B. The Lord Informed Them of What They Could Expect

1. The World Persecuted Him, So How Could They Expect Something Different
2. They Could Nevertheless Expect Something Positive Out Of The Lord's Own