

Jesus – The Hatred Of Him Never Seems to End!

“Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth....” Isa 49:7a



The pictures that we have posted in this study, came from a protest that took place in Seattle, Washington. As soon as we saw them, and saw what was being said on their T-shirts, we felt the same righteous indignation come over us that Peter must have felt when he took out his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, the high priest’s servant, when they came to arrest Jesus in the garden that night (John 18:10). No wonder why King David said in Psalm 139:21-22, *“Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.”* Now there’s a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22)!

So, “If Jesus returns, kill Him again,” huh? Well, good luck! The first time Jesus came to this planet, He said, *“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father”* (John 10:17-18). So, no one took the Lord’s life from Him – NO ONE!

At His trial, Jesus put Pontius Pilate in his place when He said, *“Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:”* (John 19:11a). And earlier in the conversation, Jesus said, *“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence”* (John 18:36). Michael the Archangel alone, could have wiped out the entire Roman empire in one day, if told by the Lord to do so. And, how much stronger than Michael do you think Jesus is? Jesus created him! Just a word from the Lord’s mouth would have done to the Romans what He is going to do to all the armies gathered together to fight against Him at the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19:19).

This rebellion against, and hatred of God, is nothing new! It’s been going on since before the world began when Lucifer rebelled against God up in heaven. The problem with Lucifer was that he had “I” trouble. “I” will do this and “I” will do that (Isaiah 14:12-14). But, what happens to him in the end? Isaiah 14:15 says, *“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit,”* and finally into the lake of fire which was prepared for him and all the angels which followed him in his rebellion (Matthew 25:41).

And, when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden by disobeying the Lord and eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17, 3:6), mankind inherited a sin nature that naturally hates

and rebels against God (Psalm 53:1-3). The rebellion got so bad that in the days of Noah, “*GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;*” (Genesis 6:5-7a). And even after the flood ended, and mankind began to repopulate the earth, they picked up with their rebellion, right where they left off (Genesis 11:1-8).

In Genesis 12, God called Abram out to make a special and peculiar people for himself to be separate from all the nations of the earth (Deuteronomy 14:2). God’s plan was to use them to be a light to the rest of the world. But, they were no different! Even after the Lord delivered his people out of the hands of the Egyptians, ending 400 years of bondage and slavery, they repeatedly rebelled against him in the wilderness, until the Lord finally said, “this generation would not be allowed to enter into the Promised Land.” After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, until that generation of rebels died off (Numbers 14:33), they were finally allowed to enter in. But, instead of keeping themselves separate from the surrounding nations, they disobeyed the Lord and polluted themselves by committing whoredoms and worshipping other gods (Numbers 25:1-2). It got so bad, that they finally asked Samuel the prophet to “*now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them*” (1Samuel 8:5b-7). They even went so far as to tell Isaiah the prophet, “*cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us*” (Isaiah 30:11b).

The first time Jesus was here, John 1:11 says: “*He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*” Then in John 5:43: “*I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*” Jesus was referring to the antichrist that would come in our time, and already is here, waiting to be revealed (2 Thessalonians 2:7-8), “*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*”. The “he” is the Holy Spirit, and only after the Holy Spirit in all the true Born Again believers has been taken off the earth in the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17), will the antichrist be revealed – not before.



So, here we are in the 21st century and we have a protester wearing a “T” shirt showing the cross being thrown into a garbage can. No wonder why Psalm 2:1-3 says: “*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.*” But, what will the Lord do? “*He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision*” (Psalm 2:4). Even during the worst time in mankind’s history when the Great Tribulation is taking place, most men will still refuse to repent. Instead, they will blaspheme the Lord, in defiance of His judgments against them (Revelation 16:9, 11, 21).

From Genesis to the Book of Revelation, there has been nothing but rebellion and hatred of the Lord. But, that will temporarily end when the armies of the antichrist are slaughtered and the antichrist and the false prophet are thrown alive into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20 – 21). And then, it will finally end at the conclusion of the Lord’s millennial kingdom, when the last rebellion is consumed by fire and the devil himself is cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:7 – 10). That will be a day to behold when all the hatred and rebellion against God finally comes to an end.

We have all done things worthy of death and hell, and what we as Christians need to do is to pray for these two men in the pictures that we posted (Matthew 5:44). But, if they do not repent before they take their last breath on this planet, they will go the way of Judas when the Lord said, “*It had been good for that man if he had not been born*” (Matthew 26:24b). And, that goes for all of us! That is why the Lord came to this planet 2,000 years ago. To make restitution (Acts 3:21) for our sins by dying on the cross. The just for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18). He died, was buried, but three days later, rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). The way was paved (John 14:6), the door was opened (John 10:9), and the terrible price for our sins was paid in full. So now, there is no cloak or excuse (John 15:22) for unrepentant sinners who constantly and flagrantly hate, rebel, and reject the Lord and His free gift of salvation (Romans 6:23)

Yes, Jesus is coming again! And when He comes, no one is going to put their hands on Him. When He came the first time, He came as a sacrificial lamb (Isaiah 53:7). But this time, He will come as a conquering Lion. Like Isaiah 42:13-14 says, “*The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.*” He will come to kill His enemies and He will do it efficiently and completely. In closing this study, we just wanted to say that this was not hatred we felt for these two men that were posted in the pictures, but rather, righteous anger. So, we can say with great love and pride, “No one has ever killed our Lord. No one ever has, and no one ever will.” Praise be to God!

Amen!

(All scripture references taken from the King James Bible)

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