



Conform to them? “Not.”

April 17, 2017

JOHN 15:18-25 NKJV – (18) “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. **(19)** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. **(20)** Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. **(21)** But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, **because they do not know Him** who sent Me. **(22)** If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. **(23)** He who hates Me hates My Father also. **(24)** If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. **(25)** But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’

JOHN 16:1-4 NKJV – (1) “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. **(2)** They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. **(3)** And these things they will do to you because **they have not known the Father nor Me.** **(4)** But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

I challenge you to review the first two meditations of this month and review this meditation, the third for in the series for April. These meditations provide a message for the believer. Satan’s troops are in the church (the four walls) as well! They are on a mission to conform you to their image. These three meditations inform you of what Jesus went through and what all believers will endure. Satan does not just want to manipulate, aggravate, and distract you. Satan wants total control of your very being.

Now, a word of advice.... When a toxic person can no longer control you, they will try to control how others see you. The misinformation will feel very unfair, but you must **stay above it**, trusting that other people will eventually see the **truth** – they will see the truth just as you see the truth!

SCRIPTURE READING

2 TIMOTHY 3:11-12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith reassures you that everything will happen in God’s timing.