

Review / Introduction: Our Lord understands that His true disciples will persevere to the end... *Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:18-20*

I. The Depths to Which Hatred may Plunge, vs. 21-22a

A. Natural Affections Denied... *Micah 7:5-6; Matthew 10:34-36*

B. Widespread hatred...

Lesson: Ultimately hatred in the human heart is towards God... *Romans 8:7*

II. The Endurance of Christ's Disciples... vs. 22b

A. It means to bear up courageously under suffering... I Peter 2:19

B. It is only possible by grace...

C. The one who endures to the end will be saved...

Lessons:

1. It is difficult and grievous to see churches and individuals fall away...
2. God is preparing us for glory...

D. Perseverance is the Sure Sign of Saving Grace...

1. We must not compromise... II Corinthians 6:14-16

2. We need strong conviction...

3. We need love...

a. Stronger than natural affections...

b. Not fearful of man...

Lesson: If we are persevering we can take courage...

III. A Gracious Provision for Conscience Sake... vs. 23

A. We are not to seek Persecution or Affliction for Christ's sake

Observations:

B. The Gospel will always have a platform...

C. The Coming of the Son of Man...

Application: