



Loving Enough
To Be Hated
John 15:18-20

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- Isaiah 53

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Romans 8:16-17; Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 1:12

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- **Why such a paradox when speaking of our love for God and man?**
 - **Consider how Christ Loved Us**
 - **We Seek To Follow Christ**
 - **Following Christ Will Cause Others to Treat us Harshly**

Acts 4-5; 2 Timothy 3:12

Do We Love God?

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John 3:16; 1 John 4:7-11

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- **Because We Love Him, We Obey His Commands**
John 14:15, 21, 23-24

Do We Love God?

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- **We Do What He Commands**
- **We Love Our Fellow Man**
1 John 3:16; Galatians 6:6-10

Do We Love Our Fellow Man?

- **God Says We Must**

Matthew 22:39 – love your neighbor

Luke 10:25-37 – good Samaritan parable

Ephesians 4:25 – speak truth with neighbor

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James 2:1-12

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- **Our Love Must Be Upright & Even**
1 Corinthians 13

Do We Love God To The Extent That Men Hate Us?

Elijah

“troubler of Israel”

1 Kings 18:17

Micaiah

“never prophesies good concerning me”

2 Chronicles 18:7, 11-17

And Many More

Jeremiah, Daniel, John the Baptist, Stephen, Paul, and even Jesus Christ Himself

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- **Jesus Promised We'd Experience Discomfort In This Life If We're Following Him**

Matthew 5:11-12; 10:34-37

Ephesians 5:6-13

John 17:14-17; 15:18-20

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- **Jesus Promised We'd Experience Discomfort In This Life For Following Him**
- **Personal/Earthly cost: Hurt Feelings, Broken Earthly Relationships, and Loss of Friends**
 - **For The Sake of Loving God Fully As We Ought**

Do We Love God To The Extent That Men Hate Us?

- **Litmus Test:**

If you feel like you're hated or disliked by EVERYONE...

**Are you surrounded by evil on every side
(e.g., Lot)?**

**Are you being mean-spirited or unloving in any
way?**

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- **Litmus Test:**

If you feel like you're not hated or disliked by ANYONE...

Are you only interacting with those who love the Lord?

Are you trying to please everyone by compromising on truth?

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• Suffering Is Part Of The Christian Life

1 Peter 3:13-4:2

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- **Suffering Is Part Of The Christian Life**
- **Jesus Promised Rest For His Faithful Servants**
Matthew 11:28-30



Consider...

God's
Love



Do We
Love Him?



**OBEY IN
ALL
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Consider...

God's Love



Do We Love
Him?



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God's
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Do We
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Speak
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Do We Love Him?



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Do We Love Others?



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Darkness & Light



Do We Love God First?



Live Faithfully

Consider...

God's Love



Do We Love
Him?



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THINGS**

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Live
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2 Peter 3:9

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2 Timothy 1:12

Count The Cost

- **You WILL suffer persecution for serving the Lord**
- **The reward for enduring is eternal life with the Father and the faithful servants of all time**
- **The sufferings here are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed (Romans 8:18)**



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