

They Will Also Persecute You

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church
John 15:19-21: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me."
 In America we have been blessed with freedom. Freedom to live according to our faith in God and to worship without fear. Signs are starting to appear that indicate that this may be coming to an end. Many so called "Leaders" of today don't believe in God and their worldly lives show it very plainly. In the name of freedom they promote sinful acts and act like they are doing great things for our country.
 Christians are mocked and their beliefs are scorned here

in America. Not that many years ago even those who didn't go to church had a respect for those that lived for the Lord. Now Satan is trying to wear down the church. If he can't, and believe me he can't, tear down the church, he is doing all he can do through evil men to bring the world's evil into the church. The intent is to destroy the effectiveness of the church. Where the church is made to focus on activities and form, without any real gospel message, it is just a social club and no threat to the evil.
 I have heard of towns where the preachers are ordered to write out their sermons and to have them approved before they can be preached. This is supposed to keep the message from containing anything labeled as hate speech. Any reference to a sin that they want to commit is going to be labeled hate speech. The devil and his helpers are not ever going to approve of God's message. A true man of God won't ask for their approval. Yes, if this is allowed to happen Christians are going to face persecution right here in America.
 Why do the heathen rage so and fight so hard against the

truth? Simply because they hate God and his message. Because the Christian stands for the things of God, he is hated too. Jesus said that it would happen and we can see that it is. Don't think that persecution is always going to be in some foreign country and happening to other people. Americans, and Christians everywhere, are going to find out firsthand what living for Christ will cost them. Do we really think that we are above suffering such things? Well, think again if you do for the seeds of persecution are already planted here.
 Believers in the Lord are an offense to the evil ones. They want to tell themselves that all lie and do the same things that they do. When they see someone stand for the Lord it shames them and they refuse to believe it. Why did they have the law passed in Daniel's day that no one would be allowed to pray to any God, except for the king, for thirty days? They wanted to get rid of him for he was different - he was a Jew and he was a righteous man. He was persecuted for his faith and obedience to God. If they hate Jesus, and they do, they hate his followers too.

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SAMUEL AND SAUL

SAUL, IN SEARCHING FOR HIS FATHER'S LOST ANIMALS, HAS LOOKED DILIGENTLY THROUGHOUT THE LAND, NOW, WITH HIS SERVANT, HE COMES TO RAMAH...

BEHOLD NOW, THERE IS IN THIS CITY A PROPHET! SURELY HE CAN TELL US WHERE TO FIND THE LOST ANIMALS!

IF WE GO FOR HELP TO THE PROPHET IN RAMAH, WHAT CAN WE BRING HIM? OUR BREAD AND WINE ARE ALL GONE AND WE MUST BRING A PRESENT TO A MAN OF GOD!

NAY NOW, WE CAN NOT GO TO HIM!

BEHOLD, I HAVE HERE AT HAND THE FOURTH PART OF A SILVER SHEKEL! THAT WILL I GIVE HIM!

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