PROMISES for PILGRIMS

BLOOD-BOUGHT PROMISES FOR PILGRIMS,
ON THEIR WAY TO THE PROMISED LAND.

A Sermon Series On: The Farewell Discourse & Final Prayer of Jesus | John 14-17

Remember This Promise | John 15:18-16:4

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As a follower of Jesus Christ, you are commanded to remember His promise that you will face hatred and persecution, SO THAT you will not lose heart when it happens.

Two critical commands in this passage relate to our thinking: "Know" (5:18) and "Remember" (5:21)

It is tempting for us to not want to think about the promise of hatred and persecution, but Jesus commands us to know it and remember it.

The suffering and hatred that Jesus Christ experienced is the pattern into which we walk.

Jesus Christ, and our union with Him, is the reason we will face hatred and persecution.

Why?

Because of the convicting work of Jesus Christ in us through His Spirit, illuminating people's unbelief and their lack of righteousness before God.

What Jesus did in person, and then does in an ongoing way through His Spirit in us, is to reveal man's sin.

Jesus commands us to know and remember His promise of persecution and hatred in order to keep us from falling away (16:1-4)

Questions to Consider

1. Have you experienced persecution or suffering because of your faith in Jesus Christ?

2. What's your initial, honest gut reaction to Jesus' promise that you will face hatred and persecution for resting your faith in Him?

3. What might be modern-day equivalents of being "put out of the synagogue" on behalf of Jesus Christ?

4. In what ways have you, or might you, have encounters with unbelievers that allow for the loving and convicting work of the Holy Spirit to flow through you?

5. What are some ways in which a sense of self-protection for your life, or your family, or your possessions, keep you from declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ?

6. Why is so important that we know and remember this promise?