

Among the Lions: The Apostles



Love and Hate
John 15:15-23



John 15:

15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. 17 "This I command you, that you love one another. 18 ¶ "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.



John 15:

20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave 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 the One who sent Me. 22 "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 "He who hates Me hates My Father also.



Friends of God? Up to us...



- Friendship is an important concept, much missed
 - Scripture speaks of great friendships:
 - David and Jonathan; Naomi and Ruth... You and ?
- Jesus does not call us “slaves”, we still are...
 - Vs 14 – if we do what He commands... choice!
 - He invites us to deeper insights... Father’s words!
 - “all things” – share and respond to these!!!

Chosen and Appointed



Chose - chosen for service

Appointed - put in place, laid down

Bring forth FRUIT, that will remain! *meno*

Things we do here exist forever before God!

God is LOOKING for the Harvest!

It on the basis of fruit that we can ASK ANYTHING!

So often taken for self focus instead of eternal life!

ASK Father for souls, people, lives!!! Jesus Name!

And, Love one another!! Over and over...

And the World?



- Jesus tells us this, not the enemy...
 - The world HATES YOU... it hated Jesus
 - The world is NEVER our friend...



1 John 2:

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

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 - The world is NEVER our friend...
- Why, because we are not “of the world”!
 - “unworldly” principles, passions, priorities, prayers...
 - Our focus is somewhere else...
 - Chose out of the world... (19)

Remember!

“the word” - slave is not greater! (13:16)

Friend slaves... we SHARE His suffering and glory!

But for a moment... 2 Cor 4:17,18 They WILL also persecute you...

21 - They will do it to you why? **HIS NAME!**

No excuse for sin... Hate Jesus, you hate



John 15:

26 ¶ "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.