

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...

1. You will be hated...
2. By all...
3. For Christ's sake...

Lesson: 1. Ultimately hatred in the human heart is towards God... *Romans 8:7*
2. Be thankful for the blessings of a Christian home...
3. Don't be deceived...

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

A. It means to bear up courageously under suffering... *1 Peter 2:19*

B. It is only possible by grace...

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

1. The end...
2. Will be saved...

Lessons: 1. It is difficult and grievous to see churches and individuals fall away...
2. We live in a fallen world and must endure...
3. 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...

E. Consider the Biblical Examples... *Hebrews 11 & 12*

III. A Gracious Provision... vs. 23

A. The Centrality of persecution...

B. The Way the Work will be accomplished...

C. The Coming of the Son of Man... *Daniel 7:13*

Application: