

## John 16 (part 2)

Perspective: so we won't Stumble in Command to Love though Hated and Persecuted

16-19 Cross, Grave, Resurrection (40 days), Ascension (to the Father)

20 Sorrow then Joy - Principle: in Him Sorrows always end in Joy (Heb 12:2)

World - extreme opposite reaction (Enduring Principle)

(Ps 1:2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates (**hagah**) day and night. (promised blessing)

(Ps 2:1-3) <sup>1</sup>Why do the nations rage, and the people plot (**hagah**) a vain thing? <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup>“Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.” (Lawlessness)

not really about us - they Hate Him

irrational/destructive behavior makes sense from this perspective

21-22 Sorrow to Joy compared to labor and childbirth (resurrection = everlasting Joy)

not that we won't have Sorrow, but that it will be eclipsed by Joy (Enduring Principle)

(Ro 8:18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

23-27 new Relationship with the Father (Jn 14:2)

<sup>23-24, 26</sup> direct access & response - motive: full Joy (Jn 15:11)

<sup>25</sup> clear understanding - you can Know the Father

<sup>27</sup> Trinity level Love - Experiential (Jn 17:23)

28-31 clear Identity - note contrast with world (simple, binary choice of Affection)

(1Jn 2:15) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

(Jn 3:19) “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

32 example of their coming relationship with the Father (Hope)

33 Motive: supernatural Peace in Him in midst of Tribulation in World (Jn 15:4-5)

“take Courage” - He Overcame the World (for us also)

(Jn 14:27) “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Courage in Tribulation knowing we always Win (2 Cor 2:14)

(Ro 8:35-37) <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” <sup>37</sup>Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

nothing can stop us from Experiencing His Love and being Victorious

ex: Roman Church endured w/o political influence (Ps 2)

(1Jn 5:4-5) <sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?