

I Hate Him; for He Never Prophesied

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The world hates the Church because it speaks truth about the future and cannot speak hopefully of their future, but this hatred is actually directed towards God.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 18:7, John 15:18

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Description

F.B. Meyer discusses the disdain some feel towards prophets like Micaiah, who deliver messages of judgment rather than comfort, exemplified by Ahab's hatred for Micaiah because he prophesied only evil. Meyer emphasizes that this animosity stems from a refusal to acknowledge the consequences of one's actions against God's will. He draws parallels between the world's rejection of God's messengers and the inevitable outcomes of sin, suggesting that such hatred is ultimately directed at God Himself. The sermon encourages believers to remain steadfast in their faith despite persecution, as it reflects their alignment with Christ. Meyer reminds us that the world's hatred is a sign of our separation from it, just as Jesus experienced.

Transcript

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good unto me, but always evil. 2 Chron. xviii. 7.

THIS was a very naive confession. Of course, Micaiah could not speak good of Ahab, whose life was diametrically opposed to all that was God's like and holy. Micaiah had no animosity towards the king of Israel; it was not a personal matter with him. He simply read from the page of the future as God opened it to his eyes, and in which the outworking of the king's evil life was disclosed in gloomy characters. It was as absurd to hate him because he read such dark lessons from the inevitable future, as for a householder to shoot his dog, that bays all night, to warn his master against the burglar engaged in rifling his home.

The Bible, the pastor, the whole Church of God, are hated by worldlings for the same reason, because they cannot speak hopefully of their future. It is as though a card-playing crew were to hate the watchman who told them that the course of their vessel was straight for the surf and rocks of the shore. If men will persist in violating God's law, in breaking through the hedge of thorns, and in pursuing their own wild ways, they cannot possibly expect the blessedness of the Beatitudes. However, their hatred against

those who warn them is really directed towards God. They are indignant that they cannot have their way; their proud spirit would like to overturn the very order of the universe rather than that it should be thwarted. They cannot endure the contrast between God's children and themselves. Do not be surprised if the world hate you. It shows that you are no more of the world than your Master was. Jesus said: "If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."

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