

They Hated Me Without a Cause

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The sermon emphasizes the unjust nature of hatred and the transformative power of love through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of love over hate, highlighting the unjustifiability of hatred and the transformative power of love as demonstrated by Jesus Christ. It challenges the prevalence of hatred in today's world and calls for seeking the truth with an open heart. The speaker addresses societal issues, the need for moral courage, and the ultimate solution found in Christ's love and salvation.

Transcript

Hello everybody. I do trust that some of these things which I have been trying to pour out before you have somehow begun to register because I'm not into this business of lecturing or making a commercial venture of some sort. Now I've stood against that kind of superficial stuff but here we are in a world which is said to be post-Cold War world but think of all the hate that the human heart is spewing today.

What? Shall I hit somebody because he's just across a political line or shall I hit someone because of his color or shall I hit somebody because he does not exactly believe what I believe or shall I hit somebody who is across the Atlantic over some historic rupture of the past? My dear friends, to be peanut grained is unjustifiable. You know the Lord Jesus Christ said in John 15 chapter, they hated me without a cost. Let me read those two verses 23 and 24 and 25.

He that hated me hated my father also. If I had not done among you the works which none other man did they had not had sin but now have they both seen and hated both me and my father. But this cometh to pass that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law.

They hated me without a cost. Hating a person without a cost. Now that's totally unjustifiable.

Isn't that so? But what is the reality of today's happenings in our highly civilized world with education around us and noble institutes of learning and cultural tolerance this that and the other. Now tell me friends, have I any right to hate you? You are at the viewing end and here I happen to be at the podium in

our bookstall here in London, Brixton, London. Now tell me what sense does it make? Hatred begets hatred.

Love multiplies. Love enlarges your heart. Love makes you a beautiful person.

So we define God in these three words. God is love. Now can there be any better words in any language? And yet when you say this, you know I'm all the time talking multiculturally to all kinds of people.

Just last week I was on the borders very close to China where people worshipped spirits of all sorts and ancient philosophies and yet oppression was very rife amongst them. Child marriages and using girls thus married in childhood just as slaves to work on their fields. Well my dear friends, I know what I am talking about because men of all religions have been in my meetings and I constantly challenge them.

Know the truth. And the truth will set you free. Do not just speculate.

You do not just philosophize. Seek the truth with all your heart and the loving savior will reveal himself to you. So here we see they that hate me hate my father also.

You see when you hate a person, the Bible calls you a murderer. He that hated his brother is a murderer. And no murderer hath eternal life in him.

So if you're expecting to go to heaven straight like a rocket just because you have blown up a plane or killed somebody, listen, you're making a very serious mistake. So we have filled this world with hate today. For what cause? Shall we say, hey, in the old colonial days, we exploited the natural wealth of Asiatic countries.

You know, once while I was traveling from London to Glasgow or Edinburgh, here was one of those journalists seated before me. Evidently, he was of that kind of thinking, which said, let us knock the great out of Great Britain. So it was all this newfangled stuff.

You know, we have oppressed that person. We have done exploited this person. We did this to India.

We did that to that. Well, I said, listen, my dear boy, I was a pretty young person too at that time. But I said to him, listen, if it were not for British rule, which unified a fragmented country, in a country in which wealthy rulers of various religious persuasions oppressed the people, kept them in darkness, while they lived in great opulence and luxury.

Well, let me tell you this. When you project Jesus Christ into that scene, you will break down that system, the sultan and the slave. No, you will find the sultan full of love, liberating the slave, lifting up the ordinary man.

Now, dear friends, this went on for centuries and still goes on under what is called the greatest or the largest democracy. Hey, let me tell you, when you vote out of prejudice and with a mentality which says, I don't want to know any better, you're not really democratic. Democracy implies a certain allegiance to the truth.

You see, if I'm going to have a whole block of people voting for me, who will say, hey, here is one of our favorites, one of our kind, and a very nice fellow who will just do our bidding, and all we have to give him is a lot of money. Do you know that what is called democracy today in several parts of the world runs on money? Let me tell you, that is the demise of democracy. Money has never brought social justice.

Money has never been structured on the truth. Money has divided people. Money is an object that has created greed in otherwise very nice-looking gentlemen.

Now, listen to me. I know this for a fact. I've seen it happening all around me.

And when the Lord Jesus was projected on that scene, there came such a difference, such a change of heart, such a change of values, such a social justice and love. Now, dear friends, so do you see hatred for Jesus Christ? And can you give me any reason for it? Oh, he went about doing good. That's why I hate him.

He gave sight to the blind. That's why I hate him. He raised the dead to life.

Oh, well, but he is not as great as my guru or prophet. Now, my dear friends, the harm that misjudgment and a narrow allegiance to hereditary, superstitious, traditional beliefs is harming a lot of people. It is bringing desolation and death to many regions.

Now, if anybody speaks to me the truth, is he my enemy? I go to my doctor and he says, hey, you need a quintuple bypass because there are serious blockages in your arteries. Is he my enemy for saying that? No, I gladly submitted myself to the operation that was required to bypass these dangerous blockages. Now, they hated me without a cause.

Hating love? How is it possible? Can I hate the cross of Jesus on which he died as the sacrifice for my sins? Is this only a myth or a fable? Now, we have turned myths and fables into great festivals today. Ah, when I see nations being rocked by crackers and high-powered crackers, you know, they say to me that such a smog came upon those cities where the recent celebration called the festival of light. It was the festival of doom to many because heart patients are made critically ill by those high decibel explosions.

All right, you call it by any name you like. I have been challenging great audiences of all kinds of cultures and all kinds of people. I have been, you know, you can see my eyes almost heavy with sleep because that's where I have been operating these last several days with a heavy schedule.

And yet they come and drink in God's word. They drink in the truth. Now, I see what is a very uncharacteristic situation here in this land.

What is that uncharacteristic situation? The British nation, which was always known for fair play and justice, seems unaccountably to say we will give fair play to every other thing except to Jesus Christ. Now, that doesn't make any sense. The Lord Jesus loves you.

Not only you, but every nation, every person. He brings love into the heart, and you want to repay that love with hate? Well, why? Oh, I don't know why, but I hate it. Very sound reasoning, isn't that? So, my friend.

Now, that is perverted thinking. And there is a lot of perverted thinking around today when it comes to the Lord Jesus. There is a kind of thought control being clamped on this nation and other nations.

There is the tyranny of untruth being palpably felt around us today. You're a captive to this. And there is no legal justification or basis against the backdrop of the noble legal system of Britain is this inherited wealth of justice and fair play for the common man to be all scuttled, torpedoed by the shouts of some group of people.

Somebody may take it into their heads to say suicide is the best thing that can happen. Sink these islands. Blast the truth out of them.

Well, loud voices threaten our liberties today. And we have become so cowardly. Now, listen, this is reality.

I'm talking about reality. And there is no justification for this kind of cowardice. Truth can never be held hostage.

Truth will always win. Christ, the savior of the world, is the only answer for your marital problems, national problems, and other problems. We think we are going just by making a few decrease in some world body to bring about a great change.

On the other hand, I see that some of these dictates are going contrary to the hard-won freedoms of the past. So, my dear friends, we need to get real. We absolutely must get real.

Are we going to contribute to the salvaging of Britain, or are we going to rejoice at the demise of this nation and the demise of liberty? Jesus says, come unto me, all you that labor. I will give you rest. Rest in our homes.

A woman can rest happy, content, secure, saying, my marriage is stable. My husband can be trusted. He is going to be faithful until death do us last.

He is not going to run after other women. What a security Jesus brings. My wife has enjoyed this security for many, many years, 46 years, in fact.

And who can change a heart like mine, a wicked, dirty heart? The Lord Jesus did it. And this wonderful Savior has stood by me. And now it breaks my heart to see Britain become a place of shoplifting, burglarizing, and every conceivable vice.

But Christ is still the Savior. He is able to deliver us. May God help you, dear.

Let us pray. Father, I ask that these, my listeners, should be people with a moral grit and a backbone of steel, not of butter, who will stand for the truth and acknowledge the Savior and acknowledge his love, this loving God. And thus be a blessing to everybody everywhere.

So bless them in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

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