

KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT #1 slides

Hatred comes from the world.

J.I. Packer, 'God's Words' p. 63, "Denotes sinful mankind in the mass, solidly given to unrighteousness/moral disorder and ungodliness and solidly hostile to the truth of God and the people of God."

Ephesians 2:1-3 "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

1 John 5:19 "We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

James 4:4 "You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

The world hates disciples of Jesus because it hates Jesus.

John 13:16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him."

2 Timothy 3:12-13 "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived."

The world hates Jesus begins HE reveals the holy Father.

Disciples respond to the world's hatred by bearing witness.

Jesus gives two reasons HE speaks of the world's hatred.

1 John 2:15-17 "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. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."