

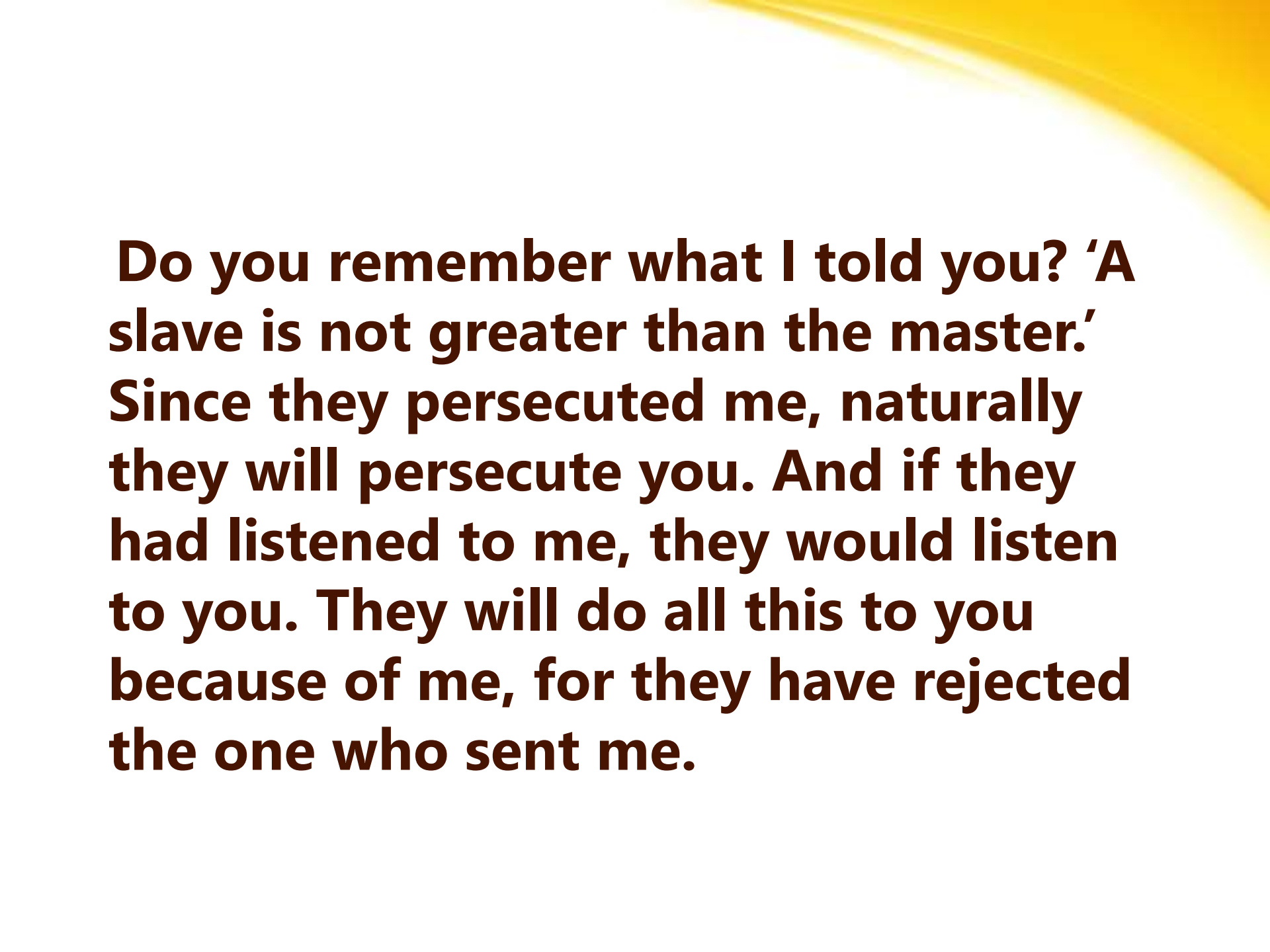


THE GOD HATERS

JOHN 15:18-25, NLT

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If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.



Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me.

They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin. Anyone who hates me also hates my Father. If I hadn't done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty.

But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father. This fulfills what is written in their Scriptures: "They hated me without cause." †

John 15:18-25 [NLT]



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1. Even though they had done nothing wrong, the Christians were hated because of what they stood for.

2. We are resident aliens.

3. This outcome is always going to be the case.

**4. Nothing has changed down
through the ages.**

5. Are we willing to endure the same hate?

**At that time there was no king
in Israel [and the] people did
whatever they felt like doing.
(Judges 21:25, MSG)**

And it's not as if they don't know better. They know perfectly well they're spitting in God's face. And they don't care—worse, they hand out prizes to those who do the worst things best! (Romans 1:32, MSG)

**But God showed his great love
for us by sending Christ to die
for us while we were still
sinners. (Romans 5:8, NLT)**

6. To the God hater God offers his salvation and his grace.



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