

JA7. Not Being Surprised When We Are Hated for Our Faith.

We are not to be surprised when we are hated for our faith.

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This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 10:22

Everyone will hate you because of me, but whoever holds out till the end will be preserved from harm.

1 John 3:13

Don't be amazed, brothers, if the world hates you.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 24:9

Mark 13:13

Luke 6:22, 21:17

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 9:14(13)

Have mercy on me, ADONAI! See how I suffer from those who hate me; you raise me from the gates of death,

Psalms 25:19

Consider my enemies, how many there are and how cruelly they hate me.

Psalms 41:8(7)

All who hate me whisper together against me, imagining the worst about me.

Psalms 109:4-5

In return for my love they became my accusers, even though I prayed for them. They repay me evil for good and hatred for my love.

Isaiah 66:5

Hear the word of ADONAI, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers, who hate you and reject you because of my name, have said: 'Let ADONAI be glorified, so we can see your joy.' But they will be put to shame."

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The Scriptures supporting this *Mitzvah* #JA7 are about being hated for our faith in Yeshua, but our being hated for our faith in God more broadly is not new. We see it even today in atheistic countries where gathering to worship God and even owning a Bible brings severe penalties. Perhaps we are mystified as to why that is, but we should not be surprised, as the Holy Scriptures recount time and again when the Israelites came into mortal conflict with their heathen neighbors. The answer lies not in believers merely being different, but in their opposing and openly teaching against sin. The hate we encounter is the result of God's people openly defying Satan in our calling to redeem the world from his control, and it will not end until Yeshua returns and Satan is vanquished.

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