

**“Global Opposition Will Increase ”**  
**Matthew 10: 16-25**

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## What is global opposition?

*When I say global opposition,  
think religious people,  
government, family members*

Verse 16-17

**Opposition From Religious People**

You will go into a world of wolves - your spiritual instructions

*“ . . . . be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men . . . . ”*  
verse 16-17

Don't pretend everything is okay





**YOUR WORLD IS CHANGING!**

IT IS **NOT** GOING BACK TO **“NORMAL”!!!**

**As America devolves, opposition from religious groups will increase!**

*Shocking, but true!*

***“Live Not By Lies” = SEE > JUDGE > ACT***

Verse 18 - 20

**Opposition From Government**



## Why does Jesus allow persecution?

*“ . . . . for My Sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.”*

**View persecution as an OPPORTUNITY to stand for Christ**

**God gives you the power and the strength to stand and speak the truth - Acts 1: 8**

## 3 phases of persecution:

Disinformation

Discrimination

Persecution

**Globalism cannot proceed in a free society;  
society must be controlled to accomplish their  
goals**

Verse 21 - 22

**Opposition From Family**

## **Betrayers will come from your own family**

These verses are most applicable to the Tribulation period, but we are experiencing a taste of it now!

**Totalitarianism (*total governmental control over the lives of citizens*) is coming to America**

Indoctrination is full speed ahead, all in preparation for a global government

**Family members are buying into the lie; believers with a Biblical world view are becoming the enemy**

Verse 23

**When Opposition Turns to  
Persecution – *FLEE!***

**Jesus' instructions:** When they persecute you, flee to another city

**Lesson:** Some are called to be martyrs and die for the faith; if one can escape, they should

**There is a martyr's crown (*the crown of life*) given to those who give their lives for the faith**

God will give you the strength to stand at the time!  
***It is not about you, but GOD!***

Flee if you can; die if you must; ***the choice is God's!***

Verse 24 - 25

**Opposition Came to Jesus;  
*it will come to you!***

**Jesus does not sugar coat it - the world will hate you – John 15: 18 and 20**

**America has been insulated in the past from persecution**

**America is no longer insulated - *they have abandoned God!***

**Believers, *expect persecution for the faith!***



## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

### Religious Opposition:

Those with a quasi-faith will not embrace a genuine Biblical world view

Quasi Christians will take on the values of the state church and oppose the True Church

The state church is told what to teach, all in line with the state (*China, Russia*)

We can expect this with the new world order

## **Government Opposition:**

**Progressive governments oppose True Christianity**

**Progressivism is a multifaceted philosophy advocating progress and change**

**In progressivism, humanity is progressing and evolving, in charge of its own destiny**

Progress can be good or bad

**Becoming progressively Godly is good,  
progressively ungodly is bad**

Left to himself, mankind's tendency is to devolve, *not evolve!*

**The Holy Spirit slows down negative  
progressivism**

*The Restrainer is still at work in our world!*

## Family Opposition:

Jesus teaches that opposition will even occur in families

Families will split on who Jesus is and what part He plays in our lives

## Family Hope:

Stay God focused; *do not waiver from the truth!*

Parents, *model the truth!*

## Family Survival:

**Do** life together – have a meal together, talk around the dinner table, take time for one another (*no phones at the table*)

**Do** take a fast from information overload

**Do** worship and serve together - “*As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD*”! - Joshua 24: 16

**Do** pass on Christian values - This does not come by osmosis, but by inputting!

## Family Survival:

Psalm 16: 8 – *“I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.”*

**Do** be discerning about what you allow in your mind

Proverbs 4: 23 - *“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”*

Guard your heart - guard your mind – *protect what you allow into your mind!*

Global opposition is increasing and coming at us from all directions – *listen closely!*

Our Shepherd is speaking – John 10: 27

**True sheep only follow the Shepherd's voice!**

*Listen closely . . . . your Shepherd is speaking – the time is short!*

You can almost hear the “*Footsteps of Messiah*”,  
**coming closer and closer!**

***HE IS COMING!!***

**DON'T IGNORE IT**







**READY. OR. NOT.**

**JESUS IS  
COMING!**