A Hostile World

Jesus said that a disciple is not above his teacher and that people would respond to us the same way they respond to Christ. Why does the world reject both Christ and His disciples? The problem is not intellectual, but moral. **Why do worldlings oppose Christ?**

**1. They don’t want their sin *exposed*** (v. 7).

A. By challenging *words*

B. By a blameless *walk*

1 Peter 4:3-4

**2. They don’t’ want to do *God’s will*** (vv. 14-17).

A. They want light *before* obeying

B. God gives light *after* obeying

**3. They want to do the *judging*** (vv. 21-24).

A. Based on *appearance*

B. Not based on *righteousness*

**4. Their perspective is *earthly*** (vv. 25-28, 41-42)

A. Regarding *Christ*

B. Regarding *Christians*

John 3:8

**Application**

A. Answer legitimate *questions*

B. Pray for the *lost*

C. Obey to *learn*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. What reasons for people rejecting Christ and the gospel do you see in the following passages? How do these principles relate to the way people respond to you when you share the gospel? How do they reinforce the truth that prayer is the most important factor in evangelism?

Daniel 12:10

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Ephesians 4:17-19

3. Whom does God teach? How can you learn to know God better?

Psalm 25:9, 12, 14