

"From Hatred and Fear"

Text: John 18:12-27

Scripture reading: Matthew 26:26-46

I. The opponents of Jesus Christ - vv. 12-14, 19-24

A) Motivated by hatred

B) Separated from righteousness

C) Partnered for murder (Jn. 15:8-9)

II. The followers of Jesus Christ - vv. 15-18, 25-27
(Jn. 13:37-38; Matt. 26:33; Lk. 22:61-62)

A) A matter of _____
(Matt. 26:41)

B) A matter of _____
(I Cor. 10:12-13)

C) A matter of _____
(Ps. 1:1-2; Heb. 10:23-25)

"This fall of Peter is doubtless intended to be a lesson to the whole Church of Christ. It is recorded for our learning, that we be kept from like sorrowful overthrow. It is a beacon mercifully set up in Scripture, to prevent others making shipwreck. ...If Peter's fall has made Christians see more clearly their own great weakness and Christ's great compassion, then Peter's fall has not been recorded in vain."
-Bishop J. C. Ryle