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Bible Study: Lambs: John 3:25-30; Increase & Decrease
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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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2. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.

It is a shocking truth that the Person who is the most bitterly and intensely hated Man in all history is Jesus Christ. This truth played itself out during his whole lifetime here on this earth—including His childhood. It culminated in His wearing a crown of thorns and being nailed to the Cross.



It is also a shocking truth that the Person who is the second most bitterly and intensely hated Person in all history is the Bride of Jesus Christ. This truth also plays itself out during Her whole lifetime here on this earth—including Her childhood. And so She can rightly say—“Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.” Psalm 44:22.

In order to at least begin to get an understanding of this intense hatred of Satan and his wicked ones toward the Son of God and his Bride, it helps to trace it back to the beginning. This takes us back to Eden’s Garden, and the words which the Lord God spoke to the Serpent—“***I will put enmity*** between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed.” Genesis 3:15

Translation: The bitter hatred and persecution which the Bridegroom and His Bride suffer from Satan and his wicked ones can be traced back to the hand of the Father. And there are great blessings that come from it all. We can count on it!