

HOPE and HOLINESS

in a hostile world

STUDIES IN 1 PETER



Standing for Christ in a Hostile World

1 Peter 3:13-17

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**In order to stand for Christ in a hostile world,
we must ...**

- 1. Be zealously committed to doing good.**
- 2. Be willing to suffer for Christ.**
- 3. Be focused on Christ.**
- 4. Be ready to testify of our hope in Christ.**
- 5. Live our lives in all good conscience.**

Matthew 5:10-12

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

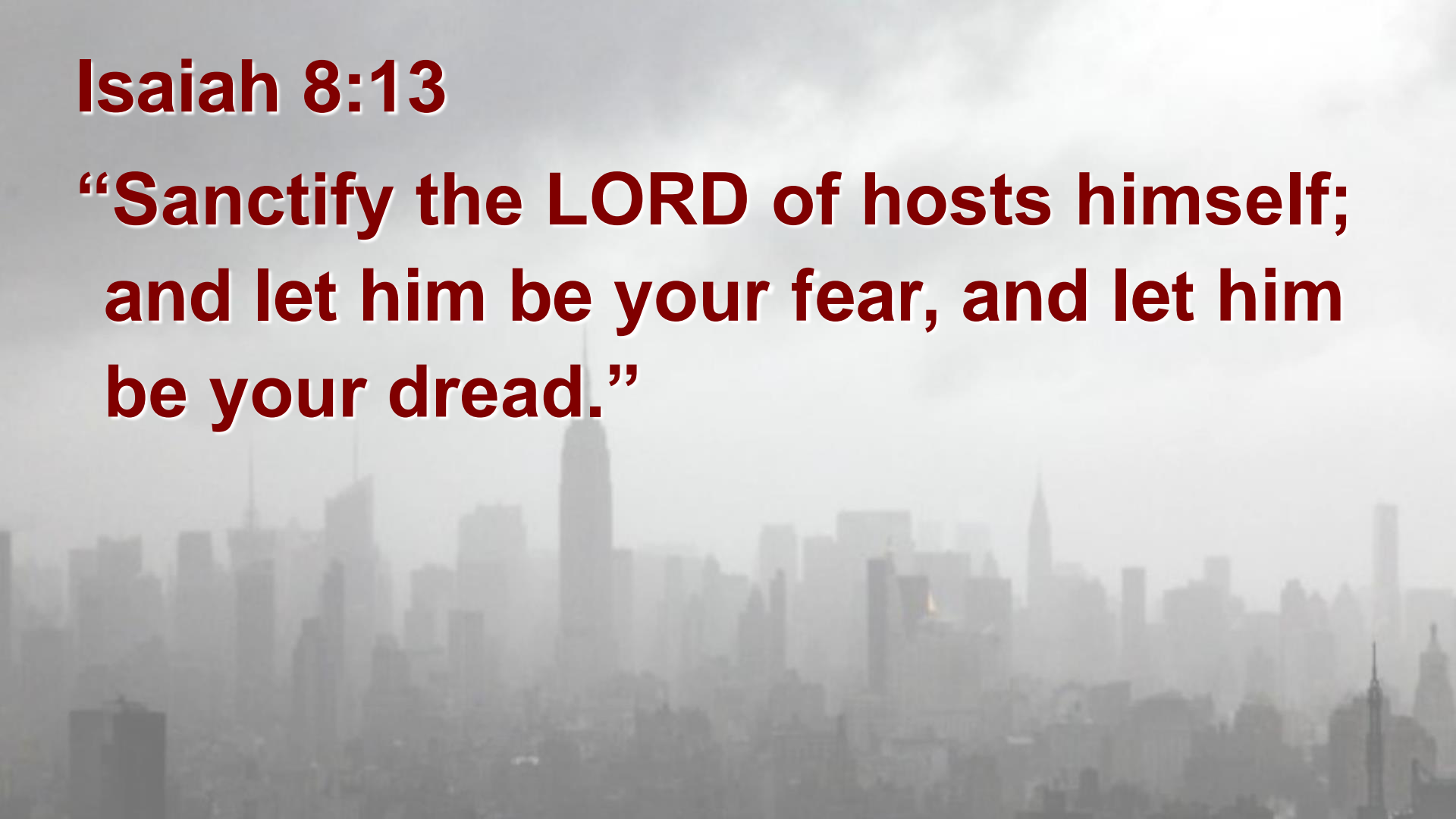
2 Tim. 3:12 “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

John 15:18 “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.”

**1 Pet. 4:12-13a “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:
13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings;”**

Isaiah 8:13

**“Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself;
and let him be your fear, and let him
be your dread.”**



“defiled conscience” ... Titus 1:15

“seared conscience” ... 1 Tim. 4:2

“evil conscience” ... Heb. 10:22

“good conscience” ... 1 Pet. 3:16