
HATRED WITHOUT A CAUSE

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Sinat Chinam

∞ Psalm 69:4 ∞

“More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without a cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore?”

∞ John 15:25 ∞

“But the word that is written in their Torah must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’”

∞ Talmud (Yoma 9b) ∞

“But the second temple – we know that the people occupied themselves with Torah, mitzvot, and acts of kindness – why was it destroyed? Because of the hatred without a cause that existed there. This teaches that hatred without a cause is tantamount to the three cardinal sins of idolatry, immorality, and bloodshed.”