



Living In the Kingdom, Part 4

Matthew 5:10-12; Second Timothy 3:10-14

Blessed Are The Persecuted

- It is important to remember why we are being blessed.
- Not every persecution we experience is because of our being righteous.
- Persecution is done, on purpose, with the intention of causing harm to the person who is subjected to it.
- The world teaches that when things get tough just leave.
- It is expected that we will suffer for standing for righteousness.

Being Persecuted

- The day will come when it will be very unpopular to be called a Christian.
- Evil men will continue to get worse.
- The truly “evil man” might not know that he is being deceived, but neither does he care.
- Everything here on earth that we experience is temporary; we have no concept of something lasting forever.
- We must accept the fact that our world is on a path of destruction, and it is not going to get better before Christ’s return.
- Our lives are not going to be easy as Christians if we are going to be Jesus’ disciples.

Conclusion

- We are to rejoice when we are mistreated for Jesus' name's sake because great will our reward be in heaven.
- When you accept Christ and persevere through all the persecutions, then you will be rewarded and your reward will last, FOREVER!
- Are people talking about you because of your relationship with Christ?
- If you are not being talked about, mistreated, lied about, cheated or any of the other words that define a Christian who is being persecuted, ask yourself why not?