

Blessed are Those who are Persecuted

Matthew 5:10-12



I challenge you today: _____

**I. Persecution is a _____
(Matthew 5:10-12).**

1. The _____ of the world is _____ of the enemy.
2. Weakness is _____.

**II. Persecution is _____
(Matthew 5:10-12).**

1. He was _____.
2. He gained _____ through _____.

Prepare for Battle:

1. Stay _____:
_____ will come.
2. Stay _____:
_____ will be offered.

Questions for more in-depth study

Read through Matthew 5:1 – 12, 38 – 48

1. Describe a time when you faced persecution, either criticism, hatred, physical violence or accusations. What was your initial thought and response?
2. Look at the other beatitudes. How does the order of the beatitudes help you to respond in a righteous manner when facing persecution?
3. How do you define the Kingdom of God and in what way are we as church to reveal the kingdom of God?
4. Look at the main challenge and read 1 John 4:10,19; Romans 8:38,39. How is the main challenge a Christ-like and God-like attitude?
5. Look at main point 1. Discuss why you agree with it or not. Read John 15:18-16:4. Why did Christ expect this for us?
6. The message of the world is the lie of the enemy. How is this played out each day? How have you seen this come true?
7. Look at main point 2 read Acts 7:51-60. How can persecution be an act of worship?
8. Read 2 Timothy 1:12 and 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. What made Paul not cringe at persecution? What attitude did he have? Why would he boast in weakness?
9. Look at the prepare for battle list. What is the greatest threat you are facing today?