

A whimsical, stylized illustration of a kingdom where the ground is at the top and the sky is at the bottom. The kingdom features numerous towers, castles, and buildings with warm, golden-yellow lights emanating from their windows. The architecture is reminiscent of European medieval or fantasy styles. The sky is a deep, dark blue, filled with numerous small, bright white stars. The overall scene is inverted, creating a dreamlike and surreal atmosphere.

The Upside-Down Kingdom

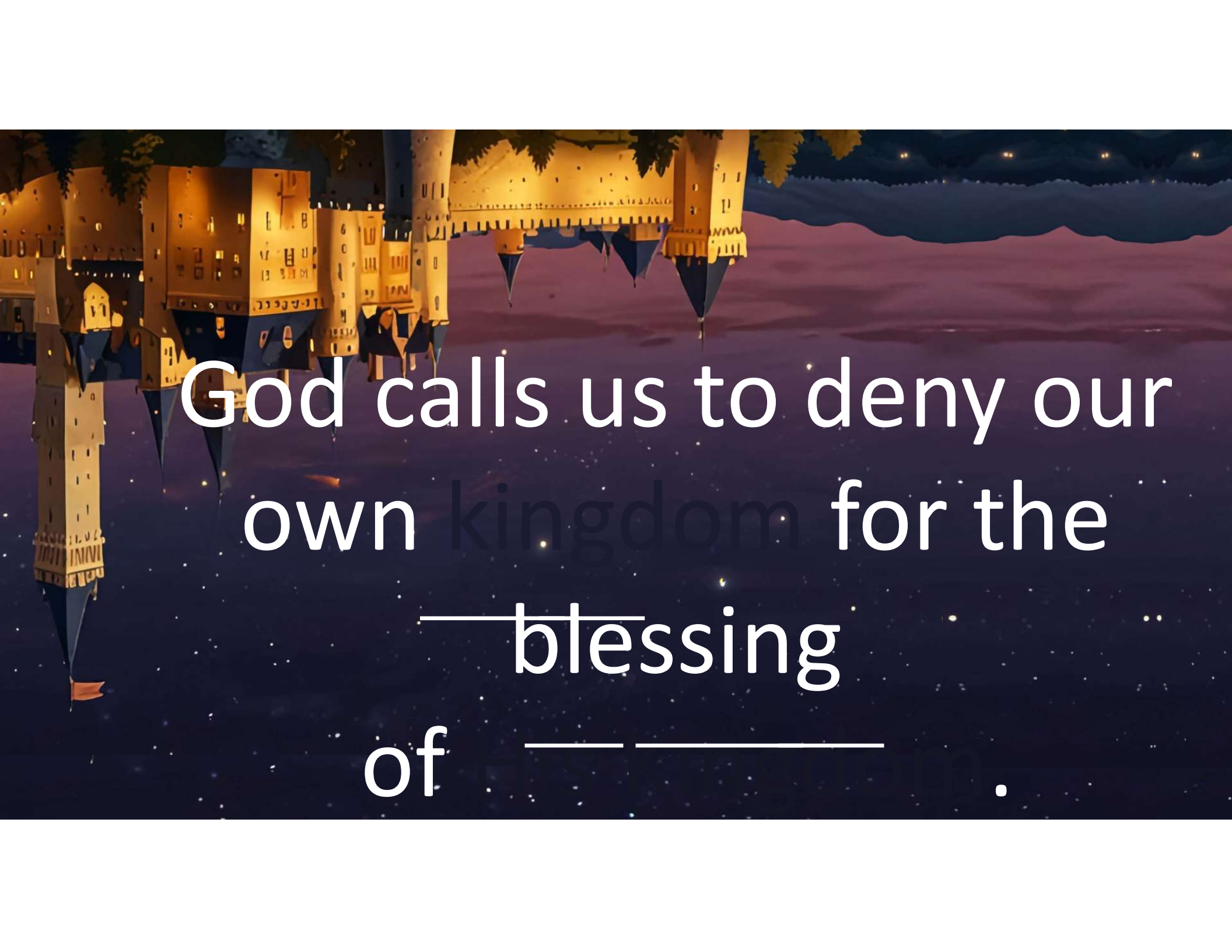





Matthew

5:1-12






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Blessed in Weakness (vv. —— 1-9)



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*Poor – (Gk.) “ptochoi” – to crouch
or cringe; beggarly and destitute;
fully reliant on God*



Blessed in Weakness (vv. —— 1-9)

*God says strength is shown in
a gentle spirit that loves others
and brings people to God.*



Blessed in Weakness (vv. —— 1-9)

*Hunger and thirst = a deep
longing, famishing, starvation
and dehydration*



Blessed in Weakness (vv. —— 1-9)

*See – (Gk.) “opsontai” – to behold,
perceive or experience*



Blessed in Weakness (vv. _____ 1-9)

*You recognize easily what you
ponder the most.*



Blessed in Weakness (vv. —— 1-9)

*“Would this person be willing to hear
me share the Gospel immediately
following my current behavior?”*




Blessed in Weakness (vv. —— 1-9)

*Sons – (Gk.) “ἡυίοί”- descendant,
inheritor, follower*



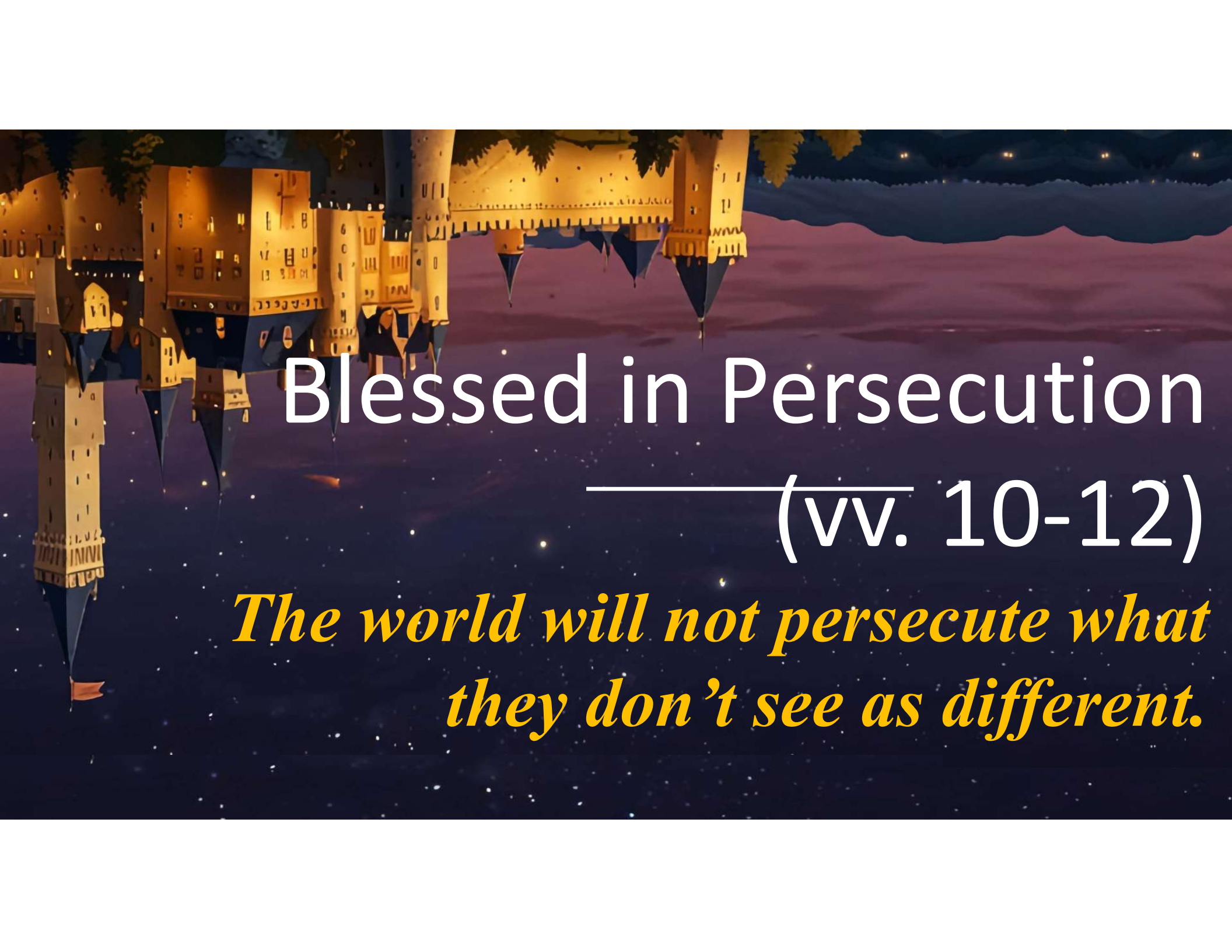
Blessed in Persecution

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*The world will not persecute what
they don't see as different.*



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A whimsical illustration of a kingdom where the ground is a dark, starry night sky. Several tall, yellow, castle-like towers with blue conical roofs are built upside down, appearing to grow from the sky. The towers have many windows, some of which are lit with a warm yellow light. In the background, there are rolling hills under a dark blue sky with a few small, distant stars. The overall scene is surreal and dreamlike.

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