

The Sermon on the Mount (Part 9):

Blessed Are the Persecuted

Text: *Matthew 5:10-12*

I. Introduction

- a. In these verses, Jesus pronounces a blessing upon the people who suffer persecution because they are exhibiting the Godly characteristics outlined in the Beatitudes

II. The Persecution of the Righteous

1. An _____ part of being a member of the Kingdom
 - *2 Tim. 3:11-12*
 - *Gal. 4:29*
 - Those who faithfully live out the first seven Beatitudes are certain to experience the eighth at some point.

2. The blessing is reserved for those persecuted for exhibiting _____ - _____ character

III. Different Expressions of Persecution

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____ Christ and you

IV. Truth

1. The real animosity is against _____

V. The Reward

1. The blessed are kingdom citizens _____ and _____

VI. Conclusion

1. Don't run or hide from these challenges
2. Nothing can take our joy and happiness; nothing this world can afflict us with will be permanent

Answer Key:

I. Introduction

II. The Persecution of the Righteous

- a. An **EXPECTED** part of being a member of the Kingdom
- b. The blessing is reserved for those persecuted for exhibiting **CHRIST-LIKE** character

III. Different Expressions of Persecution

- a. **INSULTS**
- b. **CHASED OUT**
- c. **SLANDER** Christ and you

IV. Truth

- a. The real animosity is against **CHRIST**

V. The Reward

- a. The blessed are kingdom citizens **NOW** and **FOREVER**