

The Joy of Persecution

Matthew 5:10-12

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1. **A reminder about persecution**

- Very often Christians are persecuted not for their Christianity but for their lack of it

2. **The response from the persecuted**

- It isn't our responsibility to seek out persecution, but to be willing to endure whatever trouble our faithfulness to Jesus Christ may bring, and to see it as a confirmation of true salvation

3. **A realization of the promise**

- This is the only beatitude that carries a double blessing: a present-future promise of Christ's rule and reign and a three-fold promise of joy and contentment beyond all expectations

A glad heart, a great reward, and a grand association with the prophets of old - what a promise for the persecuted!