

Blessed are the Persecuted (Part 2)
The Beatitudes
June 2, 2024

Matthew 5:11-12

- Theme: The Big Question: How can persecution be a BLESSING?
 - 2 Corinthians 12:10, Matthew 5:13-16, 24:10, Luke 17:1,
 - Proverbs 18:19 NIV
- How to respond to insults and accusations.
 - 1) Choose to OVERLOOK the offense. - Proverbs 10:12 CEV,
 - Proverbs 12:16 GNT, Proverbs 19:11 NIV
 - ✓ Love looks past the behavior and imagines the PAIN in their lives.
 - 2) Keep my heart free from UNFORGIVENESS - Luke 11:4,
 - Colossians 3:13 NLT
 - ✓ To forgive is to set a PRISONER FREE and discover that the prisoner is YOU.
 - 3) Pray, bless, and DO GOOD to them - Matthew 5:38-41,
 - Matthew 5:43-44, Luke 6:27-28, 1 Peter 3:9, Romans 12:17-21
 - 4) Remember the ETERNAL REWARD - 2 Corinthians 4:8-9,
 - 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
 - ✓ He is no fool who gives what He cannot KEEP, to gain what He cannot LOSE. - Jim Elliot