

THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED 2

Matthew 5:11-12

Blessed are you when others _____ you and _____
you and _____
_____.

- “Blessed,” means _____.
- It is when _____.

Rejoice and be glad, _____
_____.

- This is about _____.
- A great reward in heaven _____.

For so they persecuted _____
_____.

- We are in _____.
- We are proven _____.

Review & Study: **THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED 2**

A. Put to memory **Matthew 6:26** ^(ESV) *Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

B. Answer the following questions about **Matthew 5:11-12**.

1. As Jesus continues his message in verse 11, who does he say are the truly blessed ones? What does the term translated “revile” (“insult” in some trans.) mean? What does the term translated “persecute” refer to?
2. How is it possible for people who are treated like this to be the truly blessed ones?
3. What is the proper response to such treatment on Jesus’ behalf? What reason does Jesus give for such a response?
4. Who are we like when we are persecuted like it says?

C. Answer the following questions about **John 15:18-19**.

1. What does Jesus say that we ought to know, if the world hates us? What do we need to be for the world to love us?
2. According to Jesus, why are we not of this world? Since this is true, what will the world do? What does the world typically do with those it hates?

D. Answer the following questions about **1 Peter 1:8-9**.

1. According to verse 8, what is commendable in our love for Jesus? What does it go on to say about our belief and joy?
2. What does verse 9 say that brings us such joy?

E. Answer the following questions about **Romans 8:31-39**.

1. What if God is for us (v. 31)? What will the one who gave up his son for us, do (v. 32)?
2. According to verses 33 & 34, who can bring a charge against those of us who are God’s elect? Why is this?
3. What cannot separate us from the love of Christ (v. 35-36)? What does this mean according to verse 37? What then is Paul sure of according to verses 38 & 39?

F. Application

1. Are you hated and mistreated by people of the world? Why?
2. Do you “rejoice and be glad,” over the world’s mistreatment?