

THE BEATITUDES: Our King — His Kingdom — His Citizens

9. Blessed Are You When You are Persecuted

Matthew 5:10-12

Discussion Questions

Chris

1. Define persecution?
2. What does it mean to be persecuted for righteousness sake?
3. If living as citizens of the kingdom of life and light actually precipitates persecutions -- what does that possibly say about the life you are living if you have not experienced any?
4. Respond to D.A. Carson's statement: "There is no place for professed allegiance to Jesus that is not full of righteousness."
5. What does it mean to be a Christian-- i.e., what does it look like? Do we live in a way that clearly identifies our lives with Jesus? Do we look like Him enough to bear the same reproach He endured?

"My whole outlook upon everything that happens to me should be governed by these three things:

1. My realization of who I am: A redeemed rebel and adopted child of God all because of Jesus.
2. My consciousness of where I'm going: I am headed for an eternity in a new heaven and a new earth.
3. My knowledge of what awaits me when I get there: JESUS!!"

Travis

1. How does it sit with you today, those who seek to openly and boldly follow Jesus will be persecuted?
2. Is Jesus worth being persecuted for? If so, how are you holding back or protecting yourself from being persecuted in the slightest?
3. What does it look like to live in such a way that might cause a believer to be persecuted for their faith?