

Adult Impact Study Sheet

February 19, 2023

If possible, read **Matthew 5:10-12** from several translations.

Read this passage from the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition on the back.

For additional insight go to www.studylight.org and www.gotquestions.org.

We're studying Matthew 5:1-12 during the Sundays of January and February focusing on different verses each week. It is suggested that you read the entire portion each time you complete your study sheet to profit from the context.

1. "...Whereas all the others [Beatitudes in verses 3-9] have been a direct description [of the Christian], this one is indirect.¹" What do you think the writer means by that?
2. This Beatitude regarding those who are persecuted immediately follows the Beatitude on the peacemaker. What connection do you see?
3. Why is the phrase "because of righteousness"/"for righteousness sake" so important to this Beatitude?
4. Note that verse 11 says "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you." He does not say if they revile and persecute you. What does that say to you?
5. By whom are the righteous persecuted?

Who were the chief persecutors of Jesus Christ?

By whom were the first Christians persecuted?
6. Why are the righteous persecuted?
7. Discuss Matthew 5:38-42 in light of this Beatitude.
8. How does Jesus say the believer should respond to persecution?

¹D Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 110

Next week: Matthew 5:13-16

“¹⁰ Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous (in the state in which the born-again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake (for being and doing right), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

¹¹ Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of your outward conditions) are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely on My account. ¹² Be glad and supremely joyful, for your reward in heaven is great (strong and intense), for in this same way people persecuted the prophets who were before you”
(Matthew 5:10-12 AMPC).