



“Blessed are those who are persecuted”
Our Attitude Toward the World
Matthew 5:10-12

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Introduction:

- Earnest clearly stated both the risk and the reward.
- Matthew 5:10-12

The risk and reward of living a godly life:

I. The Risk, vv. 10-11

- The risk is persecution – it means “to follow” or “press hard after”
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- 1 John 3:12

Persecution Truths

1. Persecution is part of this world. – John 16:33
2. Persecution is to be expected. – 1 Peter 4:12
3. Persecution is proof of salvation. – Philippians 1:28
4. Persecution is preventable. – Luke 9:26

II. The Reward, v. 12

- The reward is the kingdom of heaven.
- Romans 8:18
- John 15:18

Conclusion:

- Finish the race
- 2 Timothy 4:7