

Blessed Are You When Men Revile You



This is the final beatitude that Jesus began His Sermon on Mount with. There are several interesting things about this final beatitude:

- Jesus for the first time uses the expression "You." Before this it was, "blessed are those."
- This is the longest beatitude in this section. It covers verses 11 and 12.
- In this beatitude we find a repeating of the previous beatitude, "persecuted"
- This beatitude carries the attitude that the Lord wants His follows to maintain through persecution, "rejoice"

A. This beatitude is the opposite of what the world would think. There doesn't seem to be any blessing in being hated and injured for what you believe.

1. Acts 5:40b-41
2. Luke 6:22-23 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in Heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets."

3. Acts 16:23a, 25a "When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into the inner prison...but about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God"

Four things:

1. By using the word You, Jesus leaves no doubt that they _____ suffer
2. For righteousness sake is parallel to My name's sake—this blessing is not upon suffering in general, but suffering for _____
3. Persecution has a broad _____ from insults to injury
4. Persecution _____, but there is awaiting a heavenly reward

Two Reminders:

- John 15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own' but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out the world, because of this the world hates you."
- Matthew 10:24 "A disciple is not about his teacher, nor a slave above his master."
- If Jesus suffered, we will suffer as well

A History of the Righteous being Persecuted:

- Abel
- Joseph
- David
- Elijah
- Jeremiah
- John the baptist

Hebrews 11:32-39

B. The Reward in Heaven is _____ (Mt 5:12)

- eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison (2 Cor 4:17)
- crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:8)

C. Beatitudes begin with poverty of spirit and ends with a great reward in Heaven



Recognize our insufficient ways (Poor in spirit)
 Realize that our sins broke God's heart (Mourn)
 Totally submit to God (Humble)
 Eagerly desire to be right with God (Hunger and thirst)
 Remember to be forgiving (Merciful)
 Become focused upon God (Pure in Heart)
 Bring people to God (Peacemaker)
 Rejoice when wronged (Persecuted)