

#BLESSED: A Study of the Beatitudes

Week 9: The Paradoxes of Persecution

Text: Matthew 5:10-12

Introduction

“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 5:10

THE PARADOXES OF PERSECUTION

PERSECUTION IS A GIVEN

1. Because of the life we live
2. Because of the Lord we love

PERSECUTION IS A GIFT

PERSECUTION BRINGS GLADNESS

1. Confirms relationship
2. Creates reliance
3. Cultivates righteousness
4. Confers a reward

Conclusion