

# Prepping for Persecution!

Matthew 24:4-12, 5:10-14

[Disciples] "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"  
<sup>4</sup> Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, <sup>5</sup> for many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. <sup>7</sup> Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. <sup>8</sup> But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. <sup>9</sup> "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are My followers. <sup>10</sup> And many will turn away from Me and betray and hate each other. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. Matthew 24:3-12

<sup>10</sup> God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. <sup>11</sup> "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. <sup>12</sup> Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way. Matthew 5:10-12

**JOY is our Thermostat**

**PERSECUTION is our \_\_\_\_\_**

## THREE THINGS ABOUT PERSECUTION

**1. We Should \_\_\_\_\_ Persecution! But why???**

<sup>11</sup> "God blesses you **when** people mock you and persecute you

<sup>12</sup> Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will suffer persecution.**

II Timothy 3:11-12

>Because of our \_\_\_\_\_ -- God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right

Persecution ≠ Punishment (I Peter 4:14-15)

>Because of the **LIES we will SUFFER**-- and lie about you

>Because of the **LORD we SERVE**-- because you are my followers

What "Jesus" does the world hate? (John 15:19ff)

<sup>29</sup> For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for Him. Phil. 1:29

**2. We Must \_\_\_\_\_ Persecution! There will be.....**

<sup>12</sup> Be happy about it! Be very glad!

>**Personal Insult**-- when people mock you..... and say all sorts of evil things against you

>**Physical Intimidation**-- and persecute [diōkō—to pursue to prosecute and imprison] you

<sup>9</sup> “When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about Me. <sup>10</sup> For the Good News must first be preached to all nations. <sup>11</sup> But when you are arrested and stand trial, don’t worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> “A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. <sup>13</sup> And everyone will hate you because you are my followers.  
Mark 13:9-13

**From Religion**

**From Government**

**From Home**

**3. We Can \_\_\_\_\_ Persecution!**

<sup>12</sup> Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.  
Matthew 5:12

**Continue to.....**

> **Reign in Life--** for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs

\* Hellish Level of Life    \* Human Level of Life    \* Heavenly Level of Life

Matthew 5:3

>**Rejoice in the Lord--**<sup>12</sup> Be happy about it! Be very glad!

Matthew 5:12a

>**Release Love--**For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love.  
Romans 5:5

**ANSWERS:**  
Thermometer, Expect, Lifestyle,  
Endure, Enlist

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Spirit Night At**

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LOCAL PITMASTERS SINCE 68  
**BBQ**

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Orange City

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