

Series: Sermon on the Mount, # 6

An Impossible Happy?

Matthew 5:10-12

Persecution is not a popular idea, no one signs up for this.
Read these verses, and observe what we should know about it:

In this world you will have troubles, but take heart, I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. John 15:18, 20

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness. Matt. 5:10

Everyone who lives a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2 Tim. 3:12

When trouble or persecution comes, they quickly fall away. Matt. 13:21

Rejoice and be glad, great is your reward in heaven. Matt. 5:12

Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you. Matt. 5:44

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed: 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord do not hold this sin against them'. Acts 7:59-60

I intensely persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. Gal. 1:13

I am convinced that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39

Prayer: loving Father, you sent your Son Jesus to care for my sin problem, though you knew he would be persecuted and crucified. It is impossible for me to comprehend that sacrificial love. Today I need strength to face _____, help me show the love of Jesus in my difficult circumstances.