

**BE *LIKE*
JESUS**



¹⁰“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! ¹¹“Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. ¹²Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

Matthew 5:10-12 (GNT)

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:10-12 (NIV)

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Happy Are The Troubled

Persecuted: to be pursued by God's enemies, to be unjustly rejected or slandered for your faith.

Insults: to be criticized harshly

Rejection: to be chased out of the group or circle

Slander: lies or misrepresentation of one's character

Fire of Rome, 64 A.D.



After being blamed for igniting the fire of Rome, Emperor Nero shifted blame to the Christians. This initiated the first persecution of the Church, lasting three centuries.

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**Beware of Assigning Your
Cause to God's Cause!**

Confirmation Bias: to listen to and interpret information with a mind that seeks to re-shape what is heard in order to confirm what one believes.

**God's Grace Will
Always Match
Our Level of
Persecution**

“I have sometimes been asked if I had grace enough to enable me to go to the stake and die as a martyr. No; what do I want with martyrs' grace? I do not like suffering; but if God should call on me to die a martyr's death, He would give me martyrs' grace. If I have to pass through some great affliction, I know God will give me grace when the time comes; but I do not want it till it comes.”

D.L. Moody

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**As for us, we cannot help speaking
about what we have seen and heard.**

Acts 4:20 (NIV)

*When we testify it activates our
Kingdom awareness and
transforms our value system!*

⁶I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

Philemon 1:6 (NIV 1984)

“In many places in China, gatherings are not so free, and the musical instruments that can be used are limited. The worship leader may have to devote energy to consider not ‘disturbing the people’ and soundproofing.”

Worship Leader in China

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**God's Reward
Will Supercede
Our Struggle**

“And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.”

Matthew 19:29 (NIV)

17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)