

Happy are the Harassed

Matthew 5:10-12

Introduction

I. The Certainty *“Blessed are you when”*

2 Timothy 3:12

II. The Cause *“for the sake of righteousness” / “because of me”*

1 Peter 2:19-20; 3:14-17; 4:12-16

III. The Categories *“insult you, persecute you, and falsely says all kinds of evil against you”*

A. Physical persecution (the hand)

B. Verbal persecution (the tongue)

IV. The Call *“Rejoice and be glad”*

A. Reign *“theirs is the kingdom of heaven”*

B. Reward *“for your reward in heaven is great”*

C. Reassurance *“in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you”*

Conclusion

