

Matthew 5:10–12 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
*For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for *great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

1 Corinthians 1:30–31 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—<sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, “*He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.*”

2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Revelation 12:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

1 Peter 4:4–5 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*. <sup>5</sup> They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Acts 17:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. <sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

John 18:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?”

2 Corinthians 10:3–6 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, <sup>6</sup> and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Luke 6:27–28 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

1 Corinthians 4:12–13 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup> being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

1 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

Matthew 5:43–48 (NKJV)

Luke 6:27, 32

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so? <sup>48</sup> Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Hebrews 11:35–38 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and

imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in dens and caves of the earth.*

#### Esther 3:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. <sup>6</sup> But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.

#### James 1:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

#### Romans 5:3–4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

#### 1 Peter 1:6–7 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

#### 2 Corinthians 4:8–11 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—<sup>10</sup> always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

#### Romans 8:35–36 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

*“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*

Romans 8:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Revelation 2:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.