

The Highway to Happiness

A Study of the Beattitudes

Part 8

Matt 5:10-12

I. The Persecution

Luke 6:26 *Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.*

2 Tim 3:12 *Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

John 15:18-21 *If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me*

II. The Promise v10-12

III. The Posture v12

1 Peter 4:12-14 *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*