**Rejoice in Persecution**

**The Commands of Jesus: Part 3**

**Matthew 5:10-12**

***August 31, 2025***

**• This is God’s Word.**

**• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.**

**• It has God for its author,**

**• salvation for its end,**

**• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.**

**• It is the supreme source of truth**

**• for what we believe**

**• and how we live.**

**God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way. Matthew 5:10–12 NLT**

**The Reality of Persecution**

**The Reason for Persecution**

**The Response in Persecution**

**The Reward for Persecution**