

BLESSED BY THE KINGDOM

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Mathew 5:10-11

When people think of the term blessed the first thing that pops into their head is materialism. Having a big house, a fancy job, a great career, and an abundance of money is nice to have. However, being blessed by the Kingdom of God does **NOT** contain any of these items.

As a matter of fact, being blessed by the Kingdom has **NOTHING** to do with materialism. The Kingdom of God has a different standard when it comes to being blessed.

THE REAL BLESSING

Mathew 5:10-11 says, *"They are blessed who are persecuted for doing good, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. "People will insult you and hurt you. They*

will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do, you will be blessed."

The word blessed in this context of scripture means to be happy, fortunate and well off. This statement is an oxymoron. Who is happy to be persecuted? How is a person fortunate to be persecuted when they did nothing wrong?

These are intellectual questions that have no logical explanation. However, the Kingdom of God does not comply with the logic of the world. King Jesus said it this way in 2nd Timothy 2:12, *"If we accept suffering, we will also rule with him. If we say we don't know him, he will say he doesn't know us."*

Being persecuted for righteousness allows us to **SHARE** in the suffering that King Jesus endured. King Jesus did nothing wrong while He was on the earth. However, He went through great pain for doing what was right.

THE BLESSING OF THE KINGDOM IS PARTAKING AND RECEIVING THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!

The Kingdom of Heaven is the **REWARD** for those who are persecuted for righteousness. The blessing of the Kingdom of Heaven grants you **ACCESS** to everything in God's Kingdom. The benefit of righteous persecution is this, you will receive **EXCLUSIVE** and **CLASSIFIED KNOWLEDGE** on how to access, utilize and benefit from the laws of God's Kingdom.

These were the same laws and principles King Jesus used when He opened blind eyes, raised people from the dead, healed diseases, changed the minds of unbelievers and influence the world to follow Him. God will **NOT** hide His secrets from those who have been chosen to be persecuted for righteousness.

Mathew 11:27 says, "*My Father has given me all things. No one knows the Son, except the Father. And no one knows the*

Father, except the Son and those whom the Son chooses to tell."

The last line is crucial to understand. King Jesus does not disclose His knowledge to everyone. He shares it with a chosen few. The knowledge of God is more precious than gold. If you have God's knowledge you have access to His treasures. The treasures of God are **NOT** materials. They are the **SECRETS** to living a **JOYFUL, CONTENTED** and **PURPOSED-FILLED** life.

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