

HANDLING HARASSMENT FOR YOUR FAITH

Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them!
Matthew 5:10-12

One of the major causes of unhappiness is trying to be like everybody else and trying to have everybody like you. You just can't please everybody. Jesus was a realist and was very honest about the consequences of following Him as today's Scripture shows. If you live by the beatitudes, you can expect some people to be upset. His closing statement is so shocking, He repeats it twice.

1. The Reality of Harassment

"... when men insult you . . ." v.11a

2. The Reason for Harassment

"... because you are my followers" v.11b

John 15:20

2 Timothy 3:12

3. My Response to Harassment

Recognize the s_____

Ephesians 6:12 (GN)

Revelation 12:10

Refuse to r_____

Romans 12:17, 19 (GN)

1 Peter 2:23

Respond p_____

Romans 12:21

Matthew 5:44

Rejoice o_____ it

Matthew 5:12a

Reasons to Rejoice

1. It means G____ S_____ can be s_____ in my life

1 Peter 4:14

2. It means G____ can t_____ me

Acts 5:41

3. It is o_____ t_____

2 Corinthians 4:17 (LB)

4. Remember my r_____

Romans 8:17 (GN)

5. Remain f_____

1 Peter 4:19

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