



**ENGAGING THE PARADOX OF PERSECUTION  
FOR MY FOREVER FAMILY  
Matthew 5:10-12**

*<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 others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

**THE PERSECUTION PARADOX PASSAGE**

- It’s the last beatitude and serves as \_\_\_\_\_ for the rest!
- It’s the longest beatitude and the \_\_\_\_\_ !
- It’s the only beatitude with \_\_\_\_\_ !
- It’s the only beatitude with \_\_\_\_\_ !
- It’s the only beatitude \_\_\_\_\_ !
- It’s the only beatitude addressed \_\_\_\_\_ !

**PARADOX #1: PERSECUTION IS A \_\_\_\_\_ !**  
{Matthew 5:10, John 15:20, John 16:33, Matthew 24:9, 2 Timothy 3:12, Philippians 1:29, 1 Peter 4:12-13}

**2 Reasons JESUS Gives For Our Persecution**

- 1. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ ! Matthew 5:10
- 2. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ ! Matthew 5:11

**PARADOX #2: PERSECUTION IS A \_\_\_\_\_ !**

Revile = \_\_\_\_\_ Abuse!  
Matthew 27:39

Persecute = \_\_\_\_\_ Abuse!

Falsely Accuse = \_\_\_\_\_ Abuse!  
Psalm 35:11

**PARADOX #3: PERSECUTION BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_ !**

{Matthew 5:10, Luke 6:23, Hebrews 13:1-3}

**When it comes to Persecution of our Extended Family we must**

**be \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**-START \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**-USE \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**-DO \_\_\_\_\_ !**

Luke 12:48

**Pray for the Persecuted Church, but first \_\_\_\_\_ !**

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Romans 8:35-39 (ESV)

<sup>35</sup> *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?* <sup>36</sup> *As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."* <sup>37</sup> *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* <sup>38</sup> *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

