

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 25, 1984

Blessed Are the Persecuted
Part 2
Matthew 5:11
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1. Persecution of Christians:

Christians have been left in this world to confront sin and to help people become right with God. **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**
We are also called to restore a brother caught in sin, **Galatians 6:1, Matthew 18.**

Verse 12, “For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
Jeremiah 12, Jeremiah suffered all of his life, as did the other prophets.

2. The response of Christians:

Rejoice and be glad! Joyful: to jump and skip for joy. **Acts 16:22**, Paul and Silas beaten and imprisoned were praying and singing hymns of praise.

When persecuted how could we move on without joy? If our focus were on the pain we could not move.

3. The promise to Christians:

Our reward in heaven is great **2 Timothy 4:5-8.**
Revelation 4:10-11, our work today is so that we might more fully serve our Lord in Heaven, for all the glory is to God.

“For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”