

Matt. 5:11-12

- I. Those persecuted for Christ's sake are blessed (11-12c)
 - A. You are blessed when people persecute you for my sake (11)
 - 1. You are blessed (11a)
 - 2. The occasions when you are blessed (11b-e)
 - a When they insult you (11b)
 - b And they persecute [you] (11c)
 - c And they falsely slander you because of me (11d-e)
 - 1) And they say all kinds of evil things against you because of me (11d)
 - 2) By lying (11e)
 - B. Respond with Joy (12a-c)
 - 1. Be happy about it (12a-b)
 - a Rejoice (12a)
 - b And be glad (12b)
 - 2. Reason: Because your reward is great in heaven (12c)
- II. Reason: Because, they persecuted the prophets before you in the same way (12d)