17 November 2024

Thank God for my problems

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you.

Matthew 5:10-12

Hebrews 11:32-34, and 35-39

1. Can I God for this problem?

God can every problem

Romans 8:28. We know that within all things, God works...

James 1:2-4. Consider it pure joy... because you know...

God will not every problem

2 Samuel 16:12. Perhaps the Lord will repay me with good

2. Christ is me in every problem

Righteousness is the for persecution John 15:20. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you 2 Timothy 3:12. all... in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Jesus is the being persecuted

Acts 9:1-5. I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

3. God is than every problem

Persecution only bigger blessings

2 Corinthians 4:7-11. We have this treasure in jars of clay

My rewards my problems

Mark 10:29-30. ...will receive a hundred-fold

How do we in a broken world (see Q6)

Hebrews 12:1-3. Let us run with endurance... fix our eyes on Jesus

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 17 Elsie & Bert.
- M 18 Our internet viewers
- T 19 Karen & Hung
- W 20 Vi-Lay L. Home Group
- T 21 Alison & Richard
- F 22 Mary P
- S 23 The future of our church
- S 24 Those who have dropped out of church. Myanmar morning tea.

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. Do you think the world in general is getting better or worse? Give an example.
- 2. Do you think the world is getting better or worse for Christians? In what ways?
- 3. Martyrs have gone bravely do their deaths. What enables them to face certain agony?
- 4. Is it possible for us to have those same resources for our lesser trials?
- 5. The responses to persecution are pray, Matt.5:44; flee, Matt.10:23; Bless, Rom.12:14; and endure, 1Cor.4:12. What makes one easier than another?
- 6. If you told someone you were a born-again Christian, and you were laughed at, how would you respond; and why?

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