

1-(MATT.5:10) BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE: FOR THEIR'S I IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

1-THE PERSECUTED ARE IN THIS INSTANCE THOSE:

1-WHO WERE HARD PRESSED UPON.

2-THOSE WHO ARE PURSUED WITH REPEATED ACTS OF ENMITY.

(IN OUR LESSON LAST SUNDAY MORNING: THOSE WHO (GIVE THEIR LIVES TO THE RESTORATION OF HARMONY (AND PEACE: SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD) (THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD BECAUSE:

1-HE IS THE GOD OF PEACE.

2-HIS SON IS, "THE PRINCE OF PEACE"

3-HIS GOSPEL IS, "THE GOSPEL OF PEACE".

2-BECAUSE SUCH A MAN IS GODLY--DIFFERENT FROM THE MAN OF THE WORLD.

1-HE SHALL BE HATED AND PERSECUTED:

(2-TIM.3:12) PAUL SAID, "YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION"

2-IF RELIGION GIVES NO QUARTER TO VICE:

3-THE VICIOUS WILL GIVE NO QUARTER TO RELIGION.

3-THEY ARE HAPPY WHO SUFFER:

1-SEEMS A STRANGE SAYING. (MATT.5:12) REJOICE: IN THE TESTIMONY OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE; FOR WITHOUT THIS, SUFFERING HAS NOTHING BUT MISERY IN IT.

4-THAT THE RIGHTEOUS SHOULD SUFFER, MERELY BECAUSE THEY ARE SUCH, SEEMS AS STRANGE.

1-BUT SUCH IS THE ENMITY OF THE HUMAN HEART TO EVERY THING OF GOD AND GOODNESS.

2-(PHARAOH'S HEART-EXODUS 4:21) AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, WHEN THOU GOEST TO RETURN UNTO EGYPT, SEE THAT THOU DOEST ALL THESE WONDERS BEFORE PHARAOH WHICH I HAVE PUT IN THY HAND, BUT I WILL HARDEN HIS HEART, THAT HE SHALL NOT LET THE PEOPLE GO. (EXODUS 9:34) PHARAOH MADE HIS OWN HEART STUBBORN AGAINST GOD. FROM HIS CONDUCT WE LEARN THAT HE WAS: 1-BOLD, 2-HAUGHTY, 3-CRUEL.

AND GOD CHOOSE TO LET THESE DISPOSITIONS HAVE FULL SWAY IN HIS HEART WITHOUT CHECK FROM DIVINE RESTRAINT (THE WHOLE PROCEDURE WAS GRACIOUSLY CALCULATED TO DO ENDLESS GOOD FOR BOTH NATIONS.

5-(LUKE 6:26) WOE UNTO YOU WHEN ALL MEN SHALL SPEAK WELL OF YOU! FOR SO DID TH EIR FATHERS TO THE FALSE PROPHETS.

1-FALSE PROPHETS: 1-KINGS 18... (NOT RAIN FOR 3 YEARS) DRY, DUSTY, PARCHED, BARREN, FIELDS OF SAMARIA) ELIJAH KILLED THE FOUR HUNDRED BY THE RIVER KI-SHON.

6-WOE UNTO YOU WHEN ALL MEN SPEAK WELL OF YOU:

1-THOSE WHO SEEK TO BE UNIVERSALLY POPULAR

2-WHOEVER DOES HIS DUTY WILL MEET THOSE WHO OPPOSE HIM.

3-CHRIST WAS REVILED AND SLANDERED.

(LUKE 6:24-26) THE FOUR WOES:

1-BUT WOE UNTO YOU THAT ARE RICH:

(THOSE WHO WORSHIP WEALTH)

2-WOE UNTO YOU THAT ARE FULL.

(THOSE SATISFIED WITH THEIR PRESENT LIFE)

3-WOE UNTO YOU THAT LAUGH NOW.

(THOSE WHO LIVE FOR PRESENT ENJOYMENT)

4-WOE UNTO YOU WHEN ALL MEN SPEAK WELL OF YOU)

(THOSE WHOSE AIM IS HUMAN PRAISE AND ADULATION)

