

"HAPPY ARE THE HARASSED"

Matthew 5:10-12

Main Idea: Those who are harassed on earth for Jesus' sake have reason to be happy because they will be treated like royalty in heaven.

Happy are the Harassed (10-12)

Clarifying popular perceptions of the Kingdom

Persecuted for righteousness' sake (10)

The meaning of righteousness

The reason for persecution

Picked on for Jesus' sake (11-12)

Radical identification with Jesus

"Rejoice and be glad"

A great reward in heaven

Life on earth and heaven for kingdom citizens

The reward

“Overflowing joy” (1 Pet.4:13)

Enveloped by glory