

Persecuted for Righteousness Sake!

Jesus declared that the pure in heart see God. When? Right now! The more pure your heart becomes towards the things of God the more obsessed you become to obtain even more of Him and His Kingdom. Paul writes to Timothy,

"But pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with all those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

2 Timothy 2:22

The people with pure hearts pursue! We are running to obtain! We are obsessed to the point of hunting God down! Is that what is in your heart today? In reality, the whole world is pursuing something. Remember before you gave your heart to Christ? You were running after something. You were yearning to be fulfilled and have the emptiness go away! And that caused you to pursue.

But this word "to pursue" also means "to persecute"! Jesus declared in Matthew 5:10,

"Blessed are you when you are persecuted for righteousness sake!"

The world is pursuing you! Not to bless you, but to get rid of what's in you! Your pure heart exposes the defilement of this world. The two will never agree: you cannot mix light and darkness together! And so, they will persecute you. But persecution is part of the blessing! They are not persecuting you. No, they are trying to remove the righteousness in you! This conflict only validates that you belong to Jesus! And because you belong to Him, you have access into the Kingdom of God. And those things which are impossible for the natural man become available to you every day. So you are blessed! You are blessed to pursue righteousness while the world is pursuing you to remove that same righteousness from you! What an adventure. Paul calls it, *"But for these slight, momentary afflictions"*. Let's pursue together!

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