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PERSECUTION

Scripture is full of warnings, and instructions for Christians who live in a world that rejects God. Here are a few of those passages as well as a poem by Connie Bratcher as we prepare to look at this topic Sunday Morning.

II Timothy 3:12 “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”

John 15:20 Jesus said: “The servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44 - “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”

Persecution comes to all who stand For Truth and righteousness...

All who seek to follow Jesus Christ, And walk in holiness.

Friend, we need not ever think it strange That vicious darts are hurled...

At those who take a stand for the Lord In this rebellious world.

Every man and woman, boy and girl, Who lives a Godly life...

Can expect to face opposition, Persecution and strife. Yet, we can be joyful in the midst Of trouble we go through...

Knowing we suffer for Jesus sake, As His will we pursue.

Let us stand firm on God's precious Word, And never compromise...

As we reach out in love to the lost, Every need He supplies. When persecution comes, and it will, Let us bow down and pray...

Strengthened, we will rise to serve our Lord... More like Him in that day.

See you Sunday!

John

A Realistic Look

Psalm 130:3-4 If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

Often we need to remind ourselves of the human condition. The Bible in both the Old Testament as well as the New Testament makes it very clear that every person has sinned and in so doing fall short of the glory of God. There are none righteous, no not one. The Psalmist looked at himself and could see many ways in which he had failed. He fully realized that if God held him accountable for each of them, then he was surely lost. He would be unable to stand before God. This is a depressing thought until we understand the characteristics of God. The Psalmist centered his thoughts on the forgiveness of God. Perhaps this is a thought that we think about as we surround the Lord's table.

The Psalmist declared, "with you there is forgiveness." We serve an amazing God who is more than willing to forgive. How willing? He gave up his own Son. Jesus paid the price for the sins we are guilty of committing. God will overlook our sins because of what Jesus did. When forgiven, they will not be held against us. The Psalmist declared that he feared God because of his forgiveness. This word is used in such a way as to mean honored, worshipped, trusted and served. If sins are not forgiven then we would stand in terror of the Lord. The Lord's forgiveness should inspire us to love him. We should also strive to live a life of obedience and say no to sinful temptations. May we always appreciate his wonderful gift of forgiveness and glorify his name for this gift.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 30, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Boyd Wood
 Jim Pollard Danny Lasater
 John Massey Ryan Massey
 Grey Gray David Morgan
 Jason Kelley Bill Fuller
 Read: II Timothy 3:10-15.....Jacob Pollard
 Sermon: Growing Under Pressure.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:00 P.M.

**SOUTH GATE AREA WIDE
 Speaker: David Shannon**

Lord's Supper Presiding.....Max Ballard

Ushers: Tracey Wilkins, Lee Winchester, Chase Thomason
 Greeters: Lisa Kelley, Linda Kuykendall, Linda Porter
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Jimmy Quirk
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Jennifer Winchester, Katie Hixon
 P.M.....Dana & Jessica Daniels

Song LeaderKevin Mick
 Prayer.....Jerry Ballard
 Announcements/Speaker.....Blair Keeling