

11. When we come to the point where we are no longer self-sufficient, we are mourning over our own inadequacy, and we are meekly humble, then we no longer hold on to what?

12. What is NOT the way to true happiness?

13. Happy people, blessed people, are also those who obtain what?

14. What is mercy?

15. What is the promise given to those who are pure in heart?

16. God is in the business of what?

17. Even though as a children of God our desire is to be peacemakers, we are often seen by people as what?

18. The persecution which Jesus and the Apostles experienced came from whom?

19. Most of the harassment and/or persecution that we face today is from whom?

20. If you want to invite a fight then boldly proclaim that salvation doesn't come by...(list some of things given in the sermon):

21. Our message is not very popular with the secular world but much of the secular world does what with our message?

22. Why is it important to note the words in verse 10, "for righteousness sake...?"

23. What are some other reasons why "Christians" are persecuted (other than for righteousness' sake)?

24. If we are persecuted for righteousness' sake or for being like Jesus, we should be what?

25. What can enable us to have such a radical paradigm shift and actually be happy when persecuted for the right thing?

26. If you are a believer, your name is written where?

27. Other than being beaten or thrown in jail or martyred, what is another form of persecution that a believer could experience?

28. The persecution we experience here in America is most often verbal attacks against what?

29. When our character and reputation is attacked, we usually think what kinds of thoughts?

30. What is the promise given to us for going through persecution?

31. The teaching of Jesus here, His standards and His exhortations are what?

32. The beatitudes ought to drive us to where?

33. Are you like Peter?

34. There is no way we can be what Jesus asks us to be in these verses if we don't do what?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**For Next Time:**

**1) Read Matthew 1:1-5:16**

**2) If time allows, research the Dead Sea. What are its unique features?**

**3) How can "salt" become salt-less or tasteless?**

**4) What does it mean that you, as a believer, are to be salt and light? Evaluate your life this week and see if you can identify areas in your life where you are neither salt nor light.**

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**HAPPY ARE THE HASSLED**

**Matthew 5:10-12**

**(Series#21)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Happy Are The Hassled.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Is the relative calm we Christians experience in the U.S.A. the norm?

2. Review: The term "Beatitudes" comes from the Latin word for what?

3. When Jesus used the term, "Blessed" it mean what?

4. You could say that to be poor in spirit is the opposite of what?

5. Those who are poor in spirit are those who are granted entrance into what?

6. Have you declared your spiritual bankruptcy before God?

7. Our lost condition causes us to do what?

8. Do you really mourn over your sin and your rebellion?

9. When we mourn over our sin, rebellion, and lostness, it results in what?

10. Is the cry of your heart to have Christ's righteousness?

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