



# “GOOD CHRISTIANS WHO SUFFER FOR GOOD ARE IN GOOD COMPANY”

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MATTHEW 5:10-12 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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## CONTEXT: THE BEATITUDES

1 Then, having seen the crowds, He went up to the mountain. And when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 And, He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying:

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit

**because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.**

(Mt 5:1-3, AT I)

The poor in spirit are blessed

**because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.**

(Mt 5:3, AT II)





## CONTEXT: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who mourn  
because they will be comforted [by God]  
(Mt 5:4, AT)

Blessed are the meek  
because they will inherit the earth.  
(Mt 5:5, AT)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness  
because they will be filled [by God].  
(Mt 5:6, AT I)





## CONTEXT: THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the merciful

because they will be shown mercy [by God].

(Mt 5:7, AT)

Blessed are the pure in heart

because they will see God.

(Mt 5:8, AT)

Blessed are the peacemakers

because they will be called sons (children) of God [by God].

(Mt 5:9, AT)





MATTHEW 5:10  
THE FINAL(?) BEATITUDE

Blessed are those who are persecuted [διώκω | *diōkō*] because of righteousness

**because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.** (Mt 5:10, AT I)

Those who are persecuted because of righteousness are blessed

**because the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.** (Mt 5:10, AT II)





MATTHEW 5:10  
PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS: A GOOD SIGN

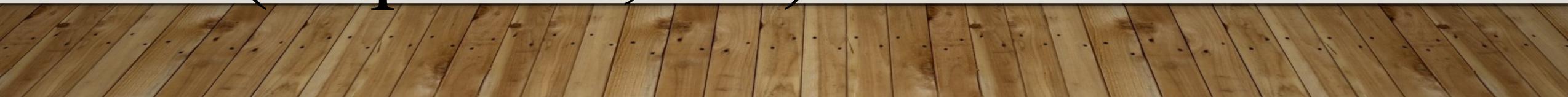
27 Only, conduct yourselves as citizens [of Heaven] in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that – whether coming and seeing you or whether being absent – I may hear about you that you stand firm in one spirit, in one mind, contending side by side for the faith of the Gospel. 28 And not being intimidated in anything by **those who oppose**, which is a **sign of their destruction** to them, but of **your salvation** – and this is from God. (Php 1:27-28, AT)





MATTHEW 5:10  
PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS: A GOOD SIGN

For it has been **graciously granted** to you, for the sake of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to **suffer** for Him. (Php 1:29, AT)





MATTHEW 5:10  
PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS: A GOOD SIGN

20 As for what was sown on the rocky ground, this is the one who hears the message and quickly – with joy – accepts it. 21 Yet such a person has no root in themselves, but is fleeting. So when hardship or **persecution** [διωγμός | *diōgmos*] comes **because of the message**, that person quickly falls away [from the faith]. (Mt 13:20-21, AT)





MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED  
IN SPITE OF STRESS

Blessed are you whenever they insult you  
and persecute [you], and falsely speak all  
kinds of evil things against you because of  
Me. (Mt 5:11, AT)





MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED  
IN SPITE OF INSULTS

- <sup>1</sup> **Contend**, O LORD [YHWH], with those who contend with me;  
**fight** against those who fight against me!
  - <sup>2</sup> Take hold of shield and buckler,  
and rise up to help me!
  - <sup>3</sup> Draw the spear and javelin  
against my pursuers;  
say to my soul,  
“I am your salvation.” (Ps 35:1-3, NRSV)
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MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED  
IN SPITE OF INSULTS

<sup>4</sup> Let them be put to shame and dishonor  
who seek after my life.

Let them be turned back and confounded  
who devise evil against me.

<sup>5</sup> Let them be like chaff before the wind,  
with the angel of the LORD [YHWH] driving them on.

<sup>6</sup> Let their way be dark and slippery,  
with the angel of the LORD [YHWH] pursuing them. (Ps 35:4-6, NRSV)





MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED  
IN SPITE OF INSULTS

because without reason they hid for me their snare's destruction,  
**without cause they cast reproach** [LXX: ὀνειδίζω | *oneidizō*]  
on my soul.

(Ps 34:7 LXX = Ps 35:7, NETS)





MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED  
IN SPITE OF INSULTS

- 9 I say to God my Rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I go about mourning,  
oppressed by the enemy?”
- 10 My bones suffer mortal agony  
as my foes **taunt** [LXX: ὀνειδίζω | *oneidizō*] me,  
saying to me all day long,  
“Where is your God?” (Ps 42:9-10, NIV)
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MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED  
IN SPITE OF INSULTS

How long, O God, is the foe to **scoff** [LXX: ὀνειδίζω | *oneidizō*]?

Is the enemy to revile your name forever?

(Ps 74:10, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED  
IN SPITE OF INSULTS

42 “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ” 44 In the same way the **rebels** who were crucified with him also **heaped insults** [ὀνειδίζω | *oneidizō*] on him. (Mt 27:42-44, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED IN SPITE  
OF EVIL SPEECH

- <sup>1</sup> Be not silent, O God of my praise!
  - <sup>2</sup> For **wicked** and **deceitful mouths** are opened **against me**,  
speaking against me with **lying tongues**.
  - <sup>3</sup> They encircle me with words of hate,  
and **attack me without cause**. (Ps 109:1-3, ESV)
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MATTHEW 5:11  
BLESSED IN SPITE  
OF EVIL SPEECH

- 18 He clothed himself with **cursing** as his coat;  
may it soak into his body like water,  
like oil into his bones!
- 19 May it be like a garment that he wraps around him,  
like a belt that he puts on every day!
- 20 May this be the reward of my accusers from the LORD [YHWH],  
of those who **speak evil** [cf. LXX Ps 108:20] against my life!

(Ps 109:18-20, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:11  
PERSECUTED BECAUSE  
OF CHRIST

“Then you will be handed over to be **persecuted and put to death**, and you will be **hated by all nations because of me**. (Mt 24:9, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:11  
PERSECUTED BECAUSE  
OF CHRIST

**Everyone will hate you because of me,  
but the one who stands firm to the end  
will be saved. (Mk 13:13, NIV)**





MATTHEW 5:12  
REJOICE, FOR WE  
WILL BE REWARDED

Rejoice [χαίρω | *chairō*] and be glad [ἀγαλλιάω | *agalliaō*], because your reward is great in Heaven! For in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you. (Mt 5:12, AT)



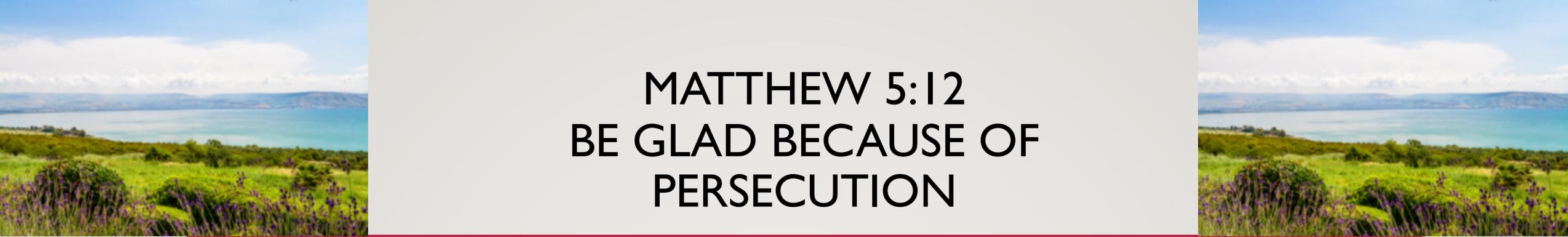


MATTHEW 5:12  
REJOICE OVER  
PERSECUTION

40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them **flogged**. Then they ordered them **not to speak in the name of Jesus**, and let them go.

41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, **rejoicing** [χαίρω | *chairō*] because they had been **counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name**. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they **never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news** that Jesus is the Messiah. (Ac 5:40-42, NIV)

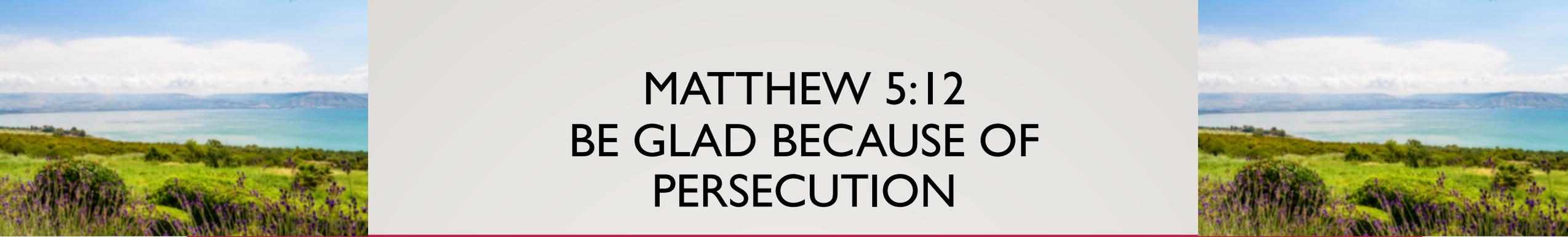




MATTHEW 5:12  
BE GLAD BECAUSE OF  
PERSECUTION

I will rejoice greatly in the LORD [YHWH],  
My soul will **exult** [LXX: ἀγαλλιάω | *agalliaō*] in my God;  
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,  
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. (Is 61:10, NASB)

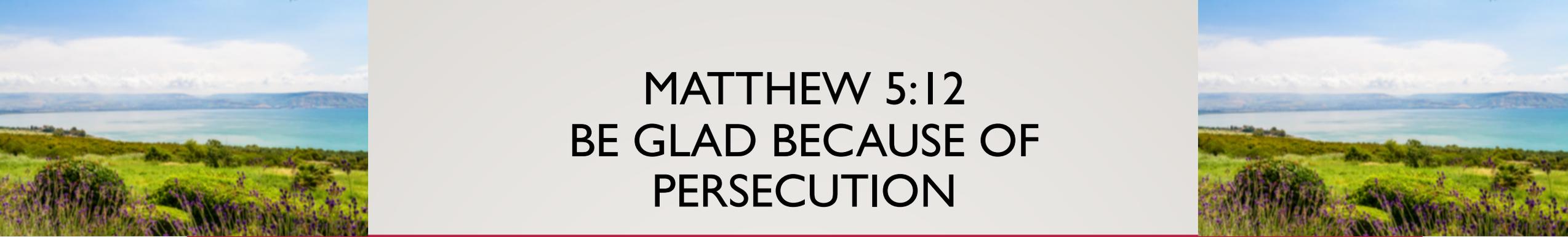




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BE GLAD BECAUSE OF  
PERSECUTION

6 In all this you **greatly rejoice** [ἀγαλλιάω | *agalliaō*], though now for a little while you may have had to **suffer grief in all kinds of trials**. 7 These have come so that the **proven genuineness of your faith**—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. (1 Pet 1:6-7, NIV)

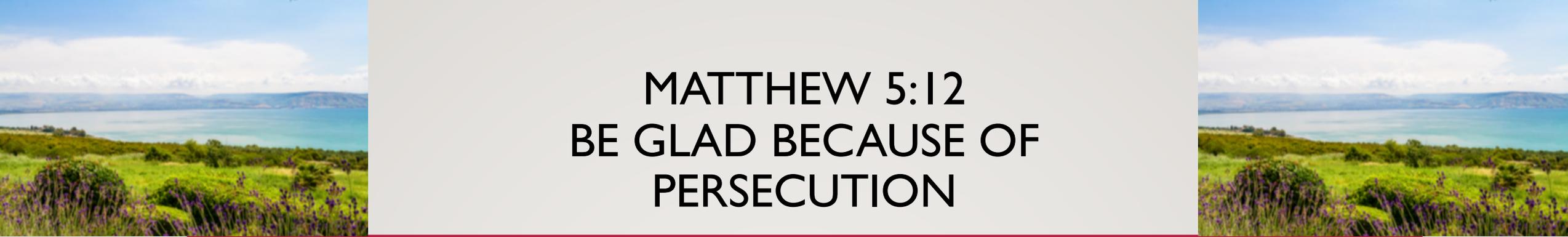




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BE GLAD BECAUSE OF  
PERSECUTION

But **rejoice** [χαίρω | *chairō*] inasmuch as you **participate in the sufferings of Christ**, so that you may be **overjoyed** [ἀγαλλιάω | *agalliaō*] when his glory is revealed. (1 Pet 4:13, NIV)

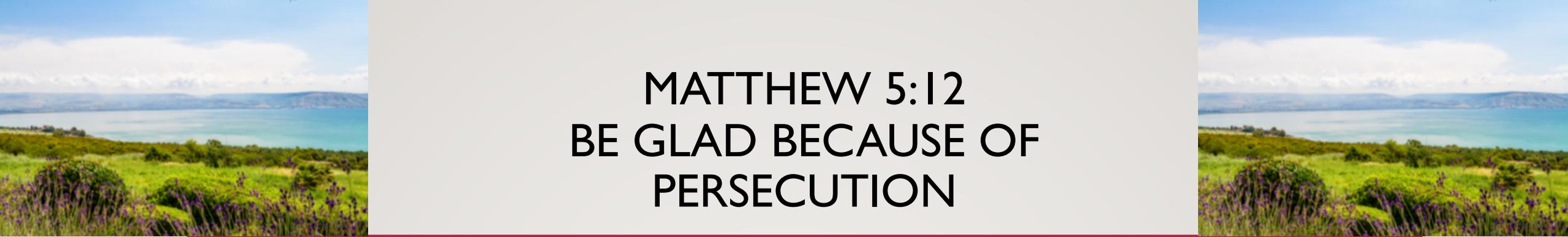




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BE GLAD BECAUSE OF  
PERSECUTION

14 If you are **insulted** [ὀνειδίζω | *oneidizō*] because of the name of Christ, you are **blessed**, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 If you suffer, it should **not** be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. 16 However, **if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.** (1 Pet 4:14-16, NIV)

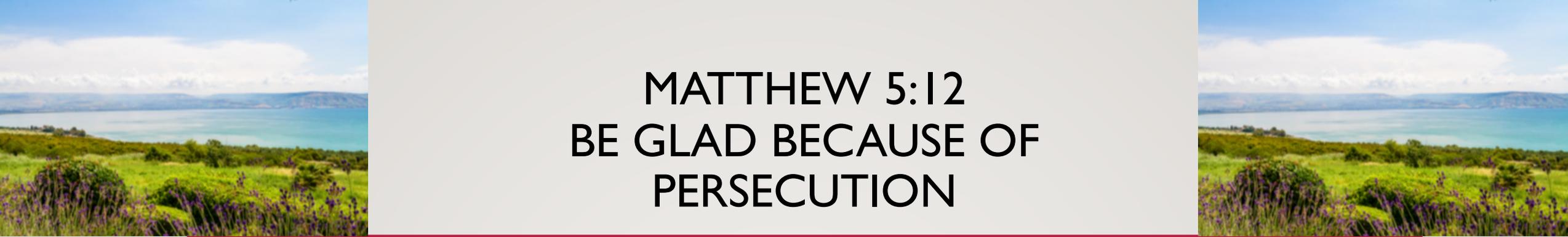




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BE GLAD BECAUSE OF  
PERSECUTION

As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the **baby in my womb** leaped for **joy** [ἀγαλλίασις | *agalliasis*].  
(Lk 1:44, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
BE GLAD BECAUSE OF  
PERSECUTION

For he will be great in the eyes of the Lord, he may never drink any wine or alcoholic beverage, and he will be **filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb.** (Lk 1:15, AT)





MATTHEW 5:12  
REJOICE AND BE GLAD  
OVER PERSECUTION

Let us **rejoice** [χαίρω | *chairō*] and **be glad** [ἀγαλλιάω | *agalliaō*]  
and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready.

(Rev 19:7, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you **troubler** of Israel?”

18 “**I have not made trouble** for Israel,” Elijah replied. “**But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD [YHWH]’s commands and have followed the Baals.** 19 Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty **prophets of Baal** and the four hundred **prophets of Asherah**, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” (1 Ki 18:17-19, NIV)





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Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD [YHWH]. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

(1 Ki 18:24, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD [YHWH], the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that **I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.** 37 Answer me, LORD [YHWH], answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD [YHWH], are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” (1 Ki 18:36-37, NIV)





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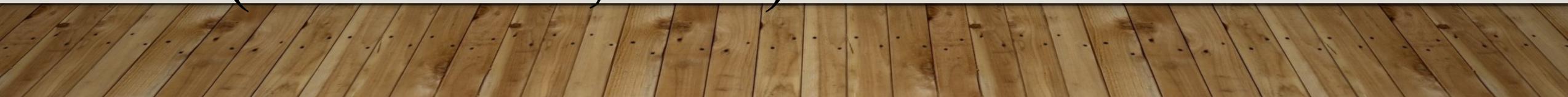
38 Then the fire of the LORD [YHWH] fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. 39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD [YHWH] —he is God! The LORD [YHWH] —he is God!” (1 Ki 18:38-39, NIV)





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Then Elijah commanded them, “**Seize the prophets of Baal**. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and **slaughtered there**. (1 Ki 18:40, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
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1 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had **killed all the prophets with the sword.** 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if **by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.**” 3 Elijah was **afraid and ran for his life.** (1 Ki 19:1-3a, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD [YHWH], the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and **killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.**” (1 Ki 19:10, NASB)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

**While Jezebel was killing off the LORD [YHWH]’s prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.) (1 Ki 18:4, NIV)**





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20 Then the Spirit of God came on **Zechariah** son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, “This is what God says: ‘Why do you disobey the LORD [YHWH]’s commands? You will not prosper. Because you have forsaken the LORD [YHWH], he has forsaken you.’ ” 21 But they plotted against him, and by order of the king they **stoned him to death in the courtyard of the LORD [YHWH]’s temple.** (2 Ch 24:20-21, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

14 Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where the LORD [YHWH] had sent him to prophesy, and he stood in the court of the LORD [YHWH]’s house and said to all the people: 15 “Thus says the LORD [YHWH] of hosts, the God of Israel, behold, I am bringing upon this city and upon all its towns all **the disaster that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their neck, refusing to hear my words.**” (Jer 19:14-15, ESV)





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PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

Now Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD [YHWH], heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. 2 Then Pashhur **beat Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks** that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the LORD [YHWH]. (Jer 20:1-2, ESV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

“This is what the LORD [YHWH] says: ‘**Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. They will escape with their lives; they will live.**’ And this is what the LORD [YHWH] says: ‘This city will certainly be given into the hands of the army of the king of Babylon, who will capture it.’ ” (Jer 38:2-3, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

Then the officials said to the king, “**This man should be put to death.** He is **discouraging** the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin.” (Jer 38:4, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

So they **took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern** of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud. (Jer 38:6, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
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PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

Then the **priests** and the **prophets** said to the **officials** and **all the people**, “This man should be **sentenced to death** because he has **prophesied** **against this city**. You have heard it with your own ears!” (Jer 26:11, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

They dress the wound of my people  
as though it were not serious.

**‘Peace, peace,’** they say,  
when **there is no peace.**

(Jer 6:14, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

8 From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have **prophesied war, disaster and plague** against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 But the prophet who prophesies **peace** will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD [YHWH] **only if his prediction comes true.**” (Jer 28:8-9, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
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15 Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen, Hananiah! The LORD [YHWH] has not sent you, yet **you have persuaded this nation to trust in lies.** 16 Therefore this is what the LORD [YHWH] says: ‘I am about to remove you from the face of the earth. This very year **you are going to die,** because **you have preached rebellion against the LORD [YHWH].’ ”**

17 In the seventh month of that same year, Hananiah the prophet **died.** (Jer 28:15-17, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

They keep saying to those who despise me,

‘The LORD [YHWH] says: You will have **peace.**’

And to all who **follow the stubbornness of their hearts**

they say, ‘**No harm will come to you.**’

(Jer 23:17, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

10 This is what the LORD [YHWH] says: “When **seventy** years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer 29:10-11, NIV)





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12 Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people:  
“The LORD [YHWH] sent me to prophesy against this house  
and this city all the things you have heard. 13 Now reform your  
ways and your actions and obey the LORD [YHWH] your  
God. Then the LORD [YHWH] will relent and not bring the  
disaster he has pronounced against you. (Jer 26:12-13, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

14 As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. 15 Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, **you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves** and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD [YHWH] has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.” (Jer 26:14-15, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were **tortured**, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. 36 Some faced **jeers** and **flogging**, and even **chains and imprisonment**. 37 They were **put to death by stoning**; they were **sawed in two**; they were **killed by the sword**. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, **destitute, persecuted and mistreated**— (Heb 11:35-37, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

All the leaders of the priests and the people multiplied their unfaithful deeds, **imitating all the detestable practices of the nations**, and they defiled the LORD [YHWH]'s temple that He had consecrated in Jerusalem. (2 Ch 36:14, HCSB)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

15 But Yahweh [YHWH], the God of their ancestors sent word against them **by the hand of His messengers**, sending them time and time again, for He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. 16 But **they kept ridiculing God's messengers, despising His words, and scoffing at His prophets**, until the LORD [YHWH]'s wrath was so stirred up against His people that there was no remedy. (2 Ch 36:15-16, HCSB)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

“But they were disobedient and rebelled against you; they turned their backs on your law. **They killed your prophets**, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you; they committed awful blasphemies. (Neh 9:26, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

51 “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! 52 **Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute?** They even **killed** those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him. (Ac 7:51-52, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
PRIOR PIOUS PROPHETS

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who **kill the prophets** and **stone those sent to you**, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

(Mt 23:37, NIV = Lk 13:34)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
CHRIST

55 “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” (Mt 13:55-56, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
CHRIST

**And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.” (Mt 13:57, NIV)**





MATTHEW 5:12  
GOOD COMPANY:  
CHRIST

**67 Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him**  
**68 and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”** (Mt 26:67-68, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
PERSECUTED  
LIKE THE PROPHETS

40 “Anyone who **welcomes you welcomes me**, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 **Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward**, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these **little ones who is my disciple**, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” (Mt 10:40-42, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
PERSECUTED  
LIKE THE PROPHETS

9 Then what did you go out to see? **A prophet? Yes**, I tell you, and **more than a prophet**. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:

“ ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’ [Mal 3:1]

(Mt 11:9-10, NIV)





MATTHEW 5:12  
PERSECUTED  
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Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has **not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist**; yet whoever is **least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.** (Mt 11:11, NIV)

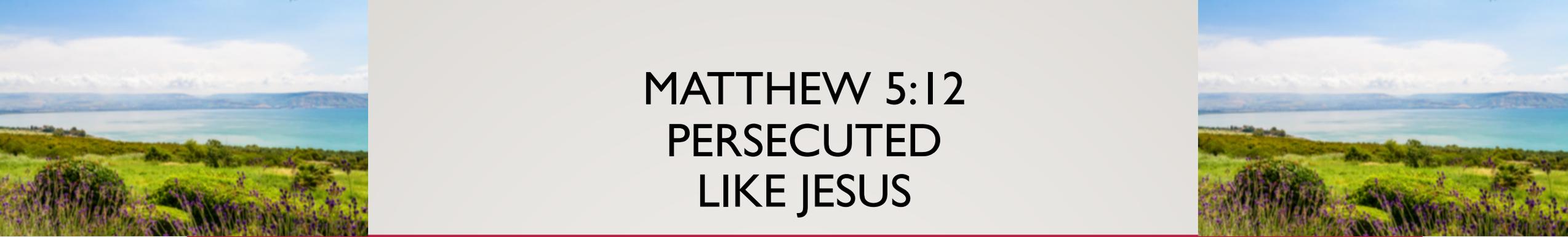




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For truly I tell you, many **prophets** and  
righteous people **longed to see what you see**  
but did not see it, and to **hear what you hear**  
but did not hear it. (Mt 13:17, NIV)

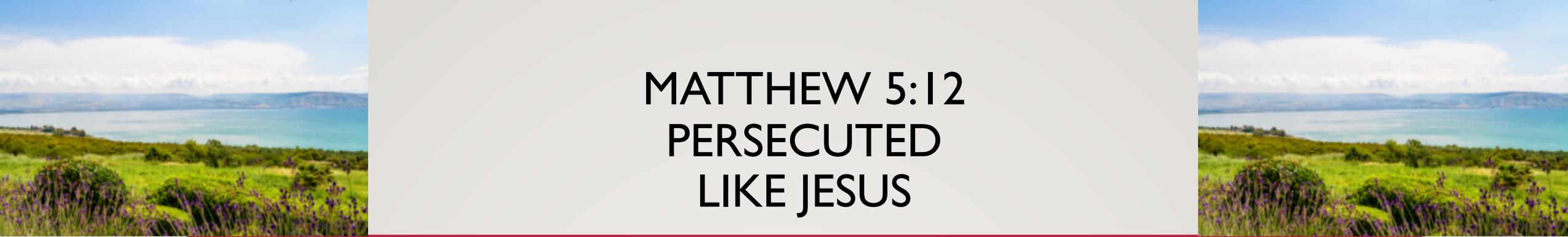




MATTHEW 5:12  
PERSECUTED  
LIKE JESUS

Now if we are children, then we are **heirs**—  
**heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings** in order that we may also **share in his glory**. (Rom 8:17, NIV)

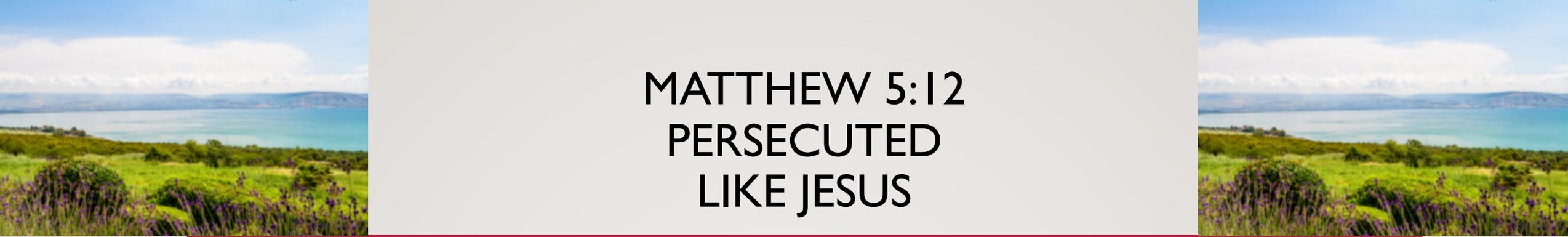




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**24 “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! (Mt 10:24-25, NIV)**

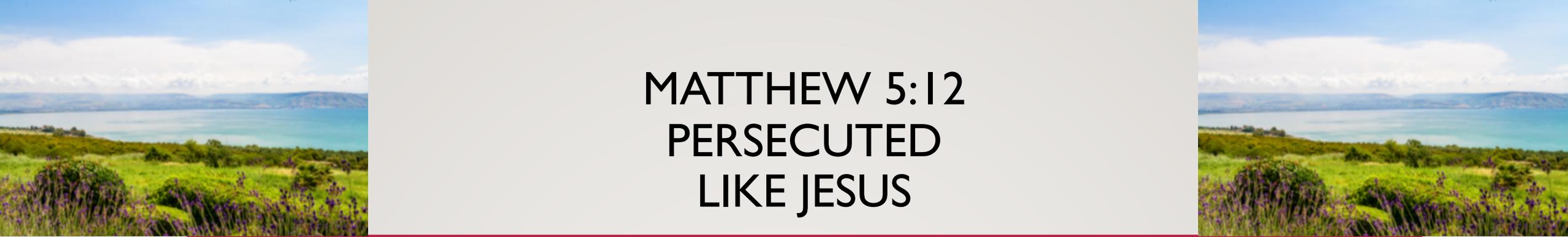




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18 “If the **world hates you**, keep in mind that **it hated me first**.  
19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ **If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also**. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. (Jn 15:18-20, NIV)





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**Woe to you when everyone speaks  
well of you, for that is how their  
ancestors treated the false prophets.**

**(Lk 6:26, NIV)**

