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The blessed life is marked by **Persecution**? Really?

We need a complete version of the blessed life!

Humbly Hungry – 5:3-6, 8

Mercifully Motivated – 5:7,9

Hatefully Harassed – 5:10-12

I. Regulated Persecution

Regulated by . . .

A. Definition

B. Righteousness

“Blessed are those **who have been persecuted** for the **sake of righteousness**, for theirs *is the kingdom of heaven.*”

II. Relational Persecution

A. The Preeminence

B. The Proof

C. The Pleasure

“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you **because of Me.**”

III. Rejoicing Persecution

A. Impermanence

B. Permanence

“Blessed are you **when** people insult you and persecute you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your ***reward in heaven is great;***”