

Hard Times
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Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. - **Mathew 5:11-12**

Hard times come upon us all, on both the wicked and the just. It would seem that sometimes the only pre-requisite for having to endure them are simply waking up in the morning. There is no doubt that you will struggle at least once in this life, if only you just stick around for a while.

I think it is very interesting to note the kind of language used by Jesus in this passage. If you experience friction from your peers for the sake of Jesus, this is something that the Father pays particularly close attention to. It would seem by the language usage that God takes a lot of pride in a human being that is willing to be socially ousted and possibly killed for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ. Keep that in mind next time you hit a speed bump!