

Bible Study 7 – Rejoicing in persecution – Matthew 5:10-12

Half an hour after Kebuleng Moshoeu's labor was induced, major pain kicked in and didn't let up until she delivered her baby. "I thought I was going to die. It was the worst seven hours and 55 minutes of my life," she said, although she was quick to add that when she first saw her son she knew all the pain was worthwhile. The child makes it all worthwhile. Some women would gladly go through childbirth again because they want a child. So suffering can produce something worthwhile.

The context	After Jesus was baptised by John and tested by Satan, He went preaching throughout Galilee. He urged people to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Mt. 4:17). The gospel of the kingdom says “Repent and receive the Messiah; then you will enter His kingdom when it’s set up on earth”. Because Jesus healed “every disease and sickness among the people”, large crowds followed Him. After Jesus chooses the 12 disciples, He preached the Sermon on the Mount to them (Mt 5-7).
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PART 1 Read and summarise each section – Matthew 5:10-12

Persecution for righteousness (v.10)	
Persecution for following Jesus (v.11)	
Joy amidst persecution (v.12)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. *What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.*

2. *What I learnt about people like us.*

3. *Summarise a key verse in your own words.*

4. *In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?*

5. *Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?*

6. *Why do you think people would be persecuted for following Jesus and living righteously (v.10-11)?*

7. *Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?*

Living for Jesus Christ brings earthy persecution; but this is insignificant compared to our heavenly reward.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

