



“O LORD my God, in You do I put my trust; save me from all those who persecute me, and deliver me... I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.” Psalm 7:1, 17

Persecution is something that is never sought after by the saint of God, but it is something that is often thrust upon them. Persecution reveals the base nature of mankind. Its intentions are born of fear, envy, and hatred. And yet, in the midst of such unspeakable atrocities perpetrated upon others in the name of God or politics or race, something good may spring up.

For those whose hearts are set upon the Lord, for those longing for righteousness; persecution that was intended to harm and kill will drive the hunted instead into the care and loving arms of the Lord Jesus, Who was Himself persecuted unjustly and unfairly. Such evil is thus turned to our good and God’s glory!

Remember then when persecution comes allow it to press you ever closer to the Master Who said, “Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.” (Luke 6:22)

Your prayer and cry to the Lord for His deliverance from trouble must soon be followed with praise – a praise that foreshadows your ultimate victory in Christ and bears witness to your persecutors that Jesus is alive and living strongly within you!

“Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy; for behold, your reward is great in heaven...” (Luke 6:23)

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