

## **“Give Us This Day”**

**Matthew 5: 1 - 12**

**March 16, 2011**

### Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 – 7)

3. We must be taught the antithesis of righteousness, (vs. 10 – 12)
- a. Those who have received the fullness of God’s righteousness are marked as enemies of the world, (10)  
*“Blessed are the ones marked out for persecution because of righteousness, on account of them the kingdom of the heavenlies exists.”*
    - *“If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” (John 15:19)*
  - The world will “rail abusively” against the righteousness within you, (vs. 11a); *“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!” (Luke 6:22)*
  - The world will “pursue aggressively” to hinder the righteousness within you, (vs. 11b); *“They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.” (John 16:2-4)*
  - The world will “speak innuendos” about the righteousness within you, (vs. 11c); *“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ” (1 Peter 4:12-16)*
  - The world will “misrepresent deceptively” the reality of the righteousness within you, (vs. 11d); *“For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things. ” (1 Corinthians 4:9-13)*
- b. Those who have received the fullness of God’s righteousness are not the first to suffer, (vs. 12); *“And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ” (Matthew 21:35-39)*

## **“To Be Or Not” Series Outline**

### **Matthew 3 - 12**

*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)*

#### **The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12)**

- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)