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Home



Persecuted

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**We're not just a Christian family,
We are a Christ-centered home.**



If you are Christ-centered,

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YOU

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***WILL* be persecuted.**





***Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.***
- Matthew 5:6



***"Blessed are the pure in heart, for
they will see God."
- Matthew 5:8***





***“Blessed are the peacemakers
for they will be called Children
of God.” - Matthew 5:9***





***"Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of
righteousness for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven."***

- Matthew 5:10



“Blessed are you when people insult you, when they persecute you, when they say falsely all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in heaven...”

- Matthew 5:11-12



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"Everyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

- 2 Timothy 3:12







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"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.



- John 15:18-20

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*"... When we are cursed, we bless;
when we are persecuted, we
endure it."* Corinthians 4:12



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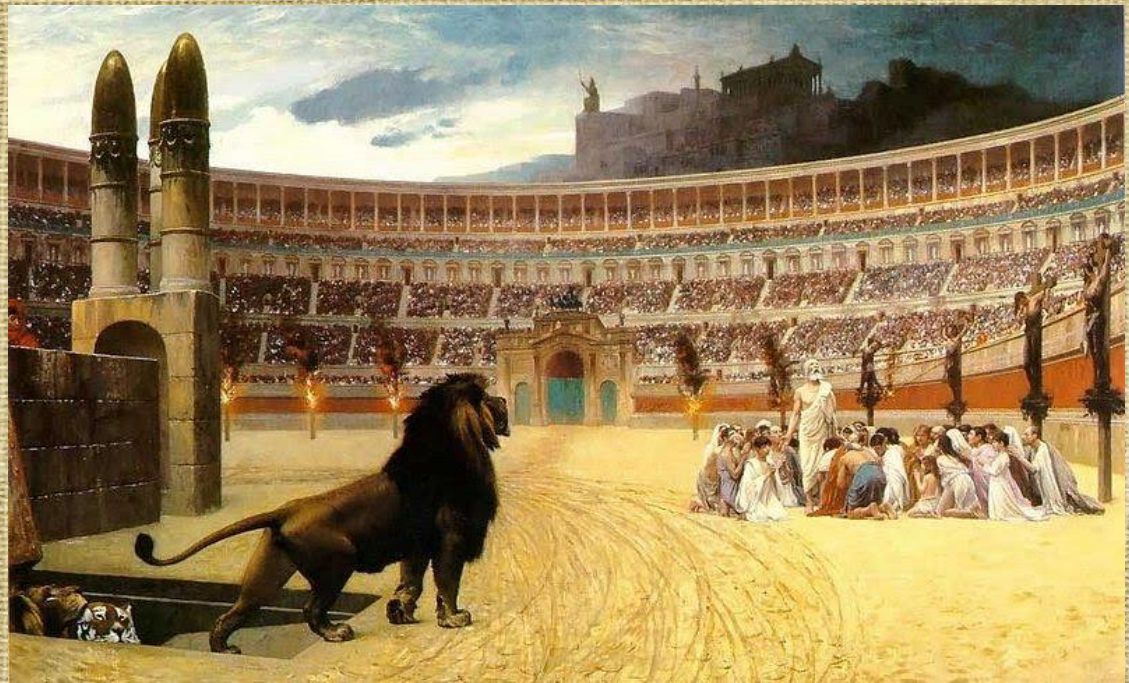
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"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you as though something strange were happening to you But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ."

- 1 Peter 4:12-13



"However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name."

- 1 Peter 4:16



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To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

(1 Peter 2:21)



“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”
(1 Peter 2:22)



***When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.
(1 Peter 2:23)***



**“He himself bore our sins” in his body on
the cross, so that we might die to sins and
live for righteousness;
(1 Peter 2:24)**