

# Luke 6:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blessed are ye, 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.

## Analysis

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Jesus declares: 'Blessed are ye, 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.' This beatitude promises blessing for persecution endured for Christ. The progression—hatred, separation, reproach, slander—describes escalating opposition. The phrase 'for the Son of man's sake' (Greek 'heneka tou huiou tou anthrōpou,' ἕνεκα τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου) indicates the cause—suffering because of association with Jesus. Persecution is blessing, not curse, when endured for Christ. This radically inverts worldly values.

## Historical Context

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Early Christians faced exactly this progression—hated by family, excommunicated from synagogues, slandered as atheists and cannibals, martyred. Jesus' promise sustained them—persecution validated their faith and guaranteed future reward (v. 23). Roman persecution intensified after Nero (AD 64), making this teaching vital for survival. Church history shows persecution strengthening rather than destroying faith. Modern believers in hostile cultures experience the same progression. Suffering for Christ's name proves genuine discipleship and shares in Christ's sufferings.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' pronouncement of blessing on the persecuted challenge natural human desire for acceptance and comfort?
2. What does suffering 'for the Son of man's sake' teach about persecution's nature and the proper response to opposition?

## Interlinear Text

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μακάριοί ἐστε ὅταν μισήσωσιν ὑμᾶς οἱ ἄνθρωποι· καὶ  
**Blessed** **are ye** **when** **shall hate** **you** <sup>G3588</sup> **men** **and**  
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ὅταν ἀφορίσωσιν ὑμᾶς καὶ ὀνειδίσωσιν καὶ ἐκβάλωσιν  
**when** **they shall separate** **you** **and** **shall reproach** **and** **cast out**  
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τὸ ὄνομα ὑμῶν ὡς πονηρὸν ἕνεκα τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ  
<sup>G3588</sup> **name** **your** **as** **evil** **sake** <sup>G3588</sup> **for the Son** <sup>G3588</sup>  
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ἄνθρωπου·  
**men**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 10:22** (Parallel theme): And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

**1 Peter 3:14** (Parallel theme): But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

**John 16:2** (Parallel theme): They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

**Isaiah 66:5** (Parallel theme): Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

**John 7:7** (Evil): The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

**Isaiah 65:5** (Parallel theme): Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

**John 12:42** (Parallel theme): Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

**Acts 9:16** (Parallel theme): For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

**Acts 24:5** (Parallel theme): For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

**Matthew 10:39** (Parallel theme): He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.