



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

## **Reviled and Persecuted!**

Matthew 5:11-12 (NKJV) closes the Beatitudes with persecute<sup>1</sup> and adds revile, which means an unjust reproach.<sup>2</sup> Biblical examples of people being reviled include: 1) three Jewish men thrown in to a furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar; 2) Daniel, a governor of King Darius, who sentenced him to a den of lions; 3) Apostle John's attempted martyrdom by boiling him in oil.<sup>3</sup> God blessed these men in their unjust reproach. King Nebuchadnezzar saw a fourth man in the fire and released the three Jewish men unharmed. An angel shut the lions' mouths, sparing Daniel. The reigning authority under Caesar Domitian released John from the boiling oil unharmed. Unjust reproach is not always dramatic, but without the LORD it is harmful. Therefore, Beloved, trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not lean on your own understanding. Always acknowledge the LORD and He will make you successful and strengthen you when someone reviles you. Shalom!!

Footnote:

1. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 1377 persecute
2. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, 3679 revile
3. Saint John the Apostle, Britannica, <https://www.britannica.com>

Matthew 5:11-12, Daniel 33:16-25, 6:10-24; Mark 10:39, Proverbs 3:5-6.

## **Love Life Ministry**

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