

The World's Response toward Kingdom 世界對天國的反應

Two governing ways 兩種治理方法

1. Reducing the human beings to slaves. 把人降低到奴才的位置.
2. Elevating the human dignity to the perfect image of God. 把人提高到神完美的形像.

【Matt 5:10~12】

I. This is not self righteousness, but the righteousness of God. 這不是為愛面子而受苦, 乃是為神國的義而受苦.

【Rom 3:10】

【Eccl 7:16】

II. He who that is against us, is against God. 反對我們的
就是反對上帝.

【Matt 21:33~41】

III. We are persecuted together with the prophets and with Jesus Christ. 我們和眾先知, 以及耶穌一同受苦.

A. Noah 挪亞

【1Pet 3:20】

B. Amos was asked to leave the people alone. 阿摩司被要求離開工場.

【Amos 7:12~13】

C. Jeremiah was persecuted and put in prison 耶利米被打且被關在囚室裏面.

【Jer 20:1~2】

【Jer 38:6】

D. God asked us to go the extra mile. 神要求我們多走一哩路.

Jeremiah 耶利米先知

【Jer 16:1~2】

Ezekiel 以西結先知

【Ezek 24:15~18】

Hosea 何西阿先知

【Hos 1:2】

E. Modern Day 當代的例子

【1John 4:18】

Conclusion 結論

Reflection

1. Have you ever suffered for your own self-righteousness, how would you describe that experience? Could you imagine the difference if the suffering was for the righteousness of the kingdom? 你有沒有因為自義而受苦? 你如何描寫這樣子的經歷? 若果你有機會為神國的義而受苦, 你覺得會有甚麼樣的不同?
2. Is it worth it to suffer for God's righteousness? Wouldn't it be wiser to turn and flow with the tide, when persecution comes? 為神的義而受苦, 值得嗎? 若果能夠見風轉舵, 是否比較高招?