

Sermon on the Mount

Nov. 7 ... Lesson 8

1. Kingdom of Heaven Expands

A. Planted by Jesus ... *Parables of the Mustard Seed & Yeast ... Mat. 13*

B. Grown by the Church, powered by the Holy Spirit ... *Acts 1:8; Mat. 28:19-20*

2. Two Kingdoms in opposition ... Jesus vs. World (Satan is prince of world)

Satan's strategies to hinder the advancement of Kingdom of Heaven

- Make ineffective ...
- Distort & corrupt from within ... *Mat. 7:15-16*
- Attack from outside ... Persecution

3. Jesus teaches on Persecution ... *John 15:18-19 / Mat. 10:28*

Blessing ... *Mat. 5:10-11*

- Reward in Heaven ... *Rev. 2:10*
- Fellowship in suffering ... *Phil 3:10-11*
- Evidence of genuine faith ... *1 Peter 1:6-7*
- Advances the Kingdom ... *Acts 8:1-8*

Apostles rejoiced! *Acts 5:40-42*

4. Persecution today ... International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church ... 2nd Sun. in Nov.

- Worldwide ...
- In India ...
- Pastor Satyam Yellasiri ...

Pray for the Persecuted Church

Pray our persecuted family will ...

- See God open doors to evangelism ... Col. 4:3
- Remain joyful amid suffering ... Acts 5:41
- Sense God's presence ... Heb. 13:5
- Know we are praying for them ... 2 Tim. 1:3