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Week 6

“If the World Didn’t Give It...”

# WORLD WATCH LIST 2020

# 260 MILLION

The Persecution of Christians



## Matthew 5:10-12

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me...

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## Matthew 5:10-12

“Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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The **Voice**  
of the **Martyrs**



**Open *Doors***

Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide

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## Acts 5:41

“The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”

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FRIGHTENED**

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## John 15:18b-19

“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.”

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**HIS PURPOSE IS TWO-FOLD**

- 1 – TO RE-CREATE US TO BE LIKE JESUS**
- 2 – TO REDEEM PEOPLE BACK TO HIMSELF**

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## James 1:2-4

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds,  
because you know that the testing of  
your faith develops perseverance.  
Perseverance must finish its work so that  
you may be mature and complete...”

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**IN HIS KINGDOM...**

**1 – CHARACTER over COMFORT**

**2 – SAVED then SENT**

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**Romans 12:14-20 (excerpts)**

**“Bless those who persecute you...**

**Do not repay evil for evil...**

**Do not take revenge... on the contrary,  
if your enemy is hungry – feed him;  
if he is thirsty – give him  
something to drink...**

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## Romans 12:14-20 (excerpts)

“In doing this, you will heap  
burning coals on his head.”

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3 – GOD’S PROMISE WILL NEVER  
**FALTER**

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# Revelation

**2:7b** – “To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life...”

**2:26** – “To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations.”

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# Revelation

**7:3** – “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

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# Revelation

**14:13** – “Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on... They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”’

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## Psalm 73:24-25

“You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.”

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**INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF PRAYER**

*for the*

**PERSECUTED  
CHURCH**

**NOV. 1, 2020**



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