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Bible Study: Thursday, March 14, 2019.

TOPIC: Temptation, Trials, Tribulation and Persecution Part 7

TEXTS: Matthew 14:3-12, Acts 12:1-5

Why do persecutions come?

1. Envy and hatred – Acts 5:17-18, Daniel 6:1-4.
2. Superior confrontations: Jeremiah 38:1-6. Jeremiah in the dungeon
3. Fear for cultural or spiritual shift Acts 5:27-28
4. To curtail the spread of the Gospel. Acts 5:40
5. Resisting non godly laws by the establishment: Daniel 3:14-16
6. Resisting unrighteousness: Matt 14:3-5, II Kings 22:26-27
7. Lack of tactics by believers. Matthew 10:16, Acts 7:51-60

What should be the Christians attitude to persecution?

1. Operate in wisdom John 8: 58-59, Luke 20:20-26, Matt 10:16
2. Be consistent with the truth (the word of God) John 14:30
3. Stand on the word of God. II Tim 4:2
4. Be careful with political affiliations. Acts 23:6, II Tim 2:4
5. Have deep love for your persecutors. Some might be very sincere. John 16:2.

6. Persevere. II Tim 2:3, 4:5, Rom 12:12
7. Do not revenge against your persecutor. Rom. 12:19
8. Joy should be seen around you always Phil 4:4, I Thess 5:16
9. Look for other Christians who are useful to you. Prov 27:17, Rom 12:10.
10. Never respond with or in anger. James 1:19-20, Col 3:8

Understand your rights and when to demand it. Prov 4:5-7,

Do not bring persecution on yourself. I Peter 4:15, 2:20.

CONCLUSION: Persecution could come to a believer from anywhere and at any time. Just like trials, the first thing to do is to examine yourself and ensure that you are not in the wrong. When you are sure that this is persecution, then design plans to survive.