

**Question:** I have been perusing the content of your website with great interest. In particular, I have been interested in your translation of the beatitudes. Thank you so much, I have been inspired to learn them and start thinking of putting them into practice. However, I could not help by noticing that the 8th beatitude is missing from your translation. It says “Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing right.” Is there a reason for that omission? Also, in Matthew there is a follow up sentence where Jesus (apparently) says that you will be persecuted if you are my followers. It kind of implies that it is the right thing to do. Can you please comment?

**Reply:** The instructions in the Beatitudes, to me, are the key to cleaning up our minds. I think they are understandable and can be applied with little or no instruction. That last one is not so easily understood and is not in the same category as the rest. That is why I left out the 8<sup>th</sup> one.

In essence, as I see it, Y’shua is informing his disciples to be aware of the fate that befell John the Baptist. When you show Truth to people who are in blockage of Truth, their stress levels rise dramatically. One who lives in Truth, as the Beatitudes portray it, one who speaks Truth, becomes a call for others to remove themselves from their fear and hostility based minds. Stress goes up. Most people’s minds are wired to eliminate the stimulus that shows one their internal dynamics. John the Baptist, because he did not know when to duck and when to hold the mirror up, lost his head. Y’Shua is warning his disciples to be aware of that dynamic.

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