

# EXHORTATIONS FROM THE FATHER

## ["Reflections" Of The Father's Heart]

[May 7th]

\* Everything up to this moment in the lives of all those who truly love Me *[including the persecution and reproach suffered for righteousness' sake]* has been but perfection preparation for the glorious days just ahead.

**"suffering for righteousness' sake"** - The "suffering" that we are called to in this earth is to stand continually against all of the things that we have been redeemed from. It is in NO way associated with physical sickness or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death but, rather, it is to continually release faith in the Word of God - regardless of the pressure of the circumstances which surround us.

As our minds become transformed and renewed to the Word of God, "suffering" *[for righteousness' sake]* shall become the joyful opportunity to further establish God's Kingdom in the earth it was intended to be rather than the sorrowful, painful, concept "religion" has made it to be through unbelief!

The time frame we are now entering into is like no other and we must all find our "proper position" within the framework of the "heavenly blueprint" through an "abiding" consecration unto the Father and His Word. Again, our "suffering" *[for righteousness' sake]* is the absolute and continual stand against ALL that we have been redeemed from in Christ – through an "abiding" faith, love and obedience.

*...."Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you" .... Matthew 5:10-12 NASB*

*...."Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are*

*reviled for the name of Christ, **you are blessed**, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB*