## Suffering And Persecution

"O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke." (Jeremiah 15:15 KJV)

"15 LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me.
Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake."

(Jeremiah 15:15 NIV)

Jeremiah the prophet was God's messenger to the people of God in Judea.

The people that God was reaching through the prophet Jeremiah were in backsliding. They were moving away from God with their evil deeds and practices, which they learned from the people of the other nations around them.

God's love was reaching the people through the prophecies of Jeremiah. But instead that the people will take heed and repent and turn back to God, they were responding in anger toward the message of Jeremiah.

They were getting angry with Jeremiah, and they were speak bad to him, they were insulting him, and humiliating him.

Jeremiah was threatened and was hurt more than that. He was imprisoned. He was put in a dry well that he was sunk in the mud and he was even threatened to be executed.

With such an attitude of the people, their sin were doubled; they sinned against God and they sinned against the person who was warning them and teaching them not to sin against God.

Jeremiah with the pain that he suffered, He committed his life and cause to God as he prayed.

<u>O LORD</u>: Crying to God is the prescription and the medicine for persecution.

thou knowest: God knows your pain and suffering and the persecution that you are passing through.

you understand: God understand your suffering and what you are passing through, and your whole situation. God knows of what is going through your mind, the situation of your spirit and souls.

<u>remember me</u>: Ask God to remember you and to uphold you in the time of your troubles.

and visit me: Ask God to visit you, where you will once again experience the embrace of God and his love and faithfulness to you.

care for me: God's care and attention is supreme and will meet all your needs and will comfort all your pain.

and revenge me of my persecutors: God will deal with those who persecuted you and spoke and did all evil against you.

take me not away in thy longsuffering: God will preserve you when He will deal with those evil doers who rejected God and who rejected His word.

know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke: The ultimate comfort will come from God who will heal your wound and will soothe your soul as you agree to pray.

## My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word that explain to me my situation and what I am passing through. O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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## The Lord Is My Shepherd

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"22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets."

(Luke 6:22-23)

"26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Luke 6:26)

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