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11, 12, ite you, y sake. in heae you." on that ummon fight it or great re 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. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for behold your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets." How many Christians here ever jumped for joy because they were persecuted. Do we who believe in the Second Coming of the Lord, when people-lie about us, and say we are cranks, and don't do our work for the Master, and tell all manner of false things about us; do we get angry, or do we leap for joy on account of this persecution? John 15: 19, 20, "Because ye are not of the world, . . . therefore the world hateth you. . . If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." Also see John 16: 33; Acts 14: 22; Romans 8: 17; Philippians 1: 29.

Next, there is a reward for the self-denying Christian. Matthew 16: 24-27, "Then said Jesus unto His disciples, if any man willcome after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ' For whosoever will save his life shall lose it : and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His. angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." Matthew 20: 27 and 28, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant : Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many," Matthew 19: 27, 28, "Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and fol-1 wed Thee ; what shall we have therefore ? And Jesus said unto t em, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Think of it. What could Paul say? "I am crucified with Christ : nevertheless I live, yet not I but. Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Just like a gr ft which has been inserted lives in thebranch of a tree. That graft may say, I live, yet I do not live, but it is the tree which gives me life. Paul says in Galatians 6: 14, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Oh, Paul ! what mean the scars on your brow and face? Looks as though you had been in the hands of a mob. Yes, I have. What mean those great welts on your back? They are the marks of my Lord I carry about in this body of mine. The next reward is connected with humble service. Mark 9: 41, "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in My