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B. We will be physically harassed. 5:10

C. We will be verbally insulted. 5:11, John 15:18-20

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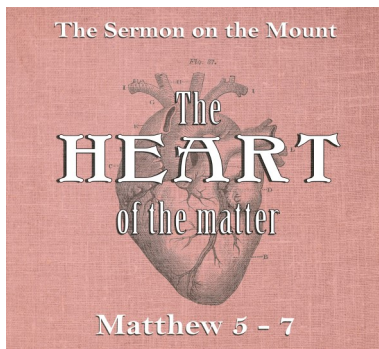
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