

What are the Beatitudes teaching us? *

BEAUTITUDE	SIMPLE TERMS
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.	Happy is the person who realizes that they need Jesus as a Savior, because we cannot save ourselves. Once we realize that we need God to help us, instead of trying to handle it on our own, we will be taken care of. We will also have the honor of having a place in Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	If you are sad because of sad or bad things that have happened, you can still be content because Jesus will comfort you.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the Earth.	Happy is the person who is gentle and can control their emotions and actions, for they will be rewarded.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Happy are the people who want to do right and know God more than anything else, for God will give them what they need. This beatitude is not about the literal meaning of being hungry or thirsty.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.	Happy are the people who are kind and forgiving to other people, for they will be shown kindness and forgiveness, too.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.	It is easy for everyone to understand doing the right think on the outside for others to see, but what Jesus is taking about here is changing the heart, the way we think and feel, on the inside. When we are doing the right things and for the right reasons, with a pure heart/intention, then we will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.	Happy are the people who work to make peace and doing good for others. We need to stand up for

	peace and for what is right. By doing Jesus says we will be rewarded with the title, 'child of God.'
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	People who are hurt, suffer, or are treated badly because they have done right can be happy knowing they will have the kingdom of Heaven to look forward to.
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.	You can be happy when people make fun of you, hurt you, or say things that are mean and wrong against you, because of your faith and love of Jesus. Be excited and happy because just like the other heroes of the Bible, your reward is going to be great when you get to Heaven.

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