

Some people have a hard time understanding the Beatitudes. The word *beatitudes* means “blessings.” Those who are blessed of God enjoy great happiness and joy. In the text below and to the right, there are two examples of how we can say the Beatitudes. One way is to quote the Scripture from Matthew 5 in the Bible. The other way is to explain what each verse means in our own words. Match up the Scripture verses to the right with the descriptions. Place the letter of the descriptions below on the line next to the verse it corresponds to on the right.

- A. The earth will someday belong to those who are patient and gentle with others.
- B. God will be seen by those whose hearts are free from all sin.
- C. There is a great reward in Heaven for those who are treated badly and have lies told about them just because they love Jesus.
- D. Those who want to learn to serve God better and better will receive that wish.
- E. Heaven is for those who do not think they are better than others.

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- Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (verse 3)
- Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (verse 4)
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (verse 5)
- Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (verse 6)
- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (verse 7)
- Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (verse 8)
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. (verse 9)
- Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (verse 10)
- Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven. (verses 11 & 12)
- F. Those who don't hurt or punish anyone who is in their power will receive mercy themselves.
- G. Heaven is for those who are treated badly just because they love Jesus.
- H. Those who are sad will be comforted.
- I. God's children are those who want to make peace.