Beatitudes Test Study Guide

* **Be** attitudes – how to act/behave
* “Blessed” = happy

Old Testament

* 10 Commandments
* Old Law

New Testament

* Beatitudes
* New Law

List:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the land.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of God.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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| **#** | **Beatitude** | **Information** |
| 1 | Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. | Spiritual poverty* I recognize that everything I have is a gift from God
* Give thanks
* Share it
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| 2 | Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. | We mourn over injustices and evils against God & people in need:* Starving children, economic injustices
* Murder & abortion, rape
* Our sins & the world’s sins
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| 3 | Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the land | We must be patient w/ others’ weaknesses & try to solve arguments w/ gentleness * Jesus treated everyone w/ gentleness & compassion
* God treats us w/ gentleness, patience, forgiveness when we sin
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| 4 | Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. | God made us to seek justice & have a good relationship w/ Him* He comes in the Eucharist to help us grow in holiness & satisfy our spiritual hunger so that we can bring Him to others
* You become what you take in (Eucharist → Christ-like)
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| 5 | Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. | God loves us beyond what we deserve* He sent His Son to forgive us & make us part of His Family
* We should share this love & mercy w/ others
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| 6 | Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. | Total commitment to God * He is #1 in my life
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| 7 | Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of God. | Christians (& others too) should be peacemakers* We see others as brothers & sisters in God
* We work to end violence (in a nonviolent way)
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| 8 | Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  | We will be called to suffer for Christ* We will sometimes be rejected; so was Christ
* Our reward will be great in Heaven
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