

# Beatitudes of Revelation

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When we talk about the Beatitudes we usually think of the Beatitudes that Jesus spoke about during the “Sermon on the Mount” found in Matthew 5:3-11

Make all the points... then say...

But we are not going to study about the beatitudes of Matthew 5!

We are going to study the beatitudes of Revelation! Make points about the Beatitudes of Revelation, then, “Let’s begin by looking at our first beatitude found in the book of Revelation...

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Revelation was written around the end of the first century, during a time of great persecution for the early Christians.

Boren, in his writings said, “All the fury of sword, rack, flame and ravenous beast would affect martyrdom upon thousands of members of the Lord’s church.” Evil seemed to be winning.

The book of Revelation was written to encourage those who were being tortured and put to death because of their Faith in God. When they read or heard the words of Revelation they would be uplifted knowing they were not alone, God was with them! Even if their faithfulness cost them their lives they would be victorious because they would receive the “Crown of Life.” Revelation 2:10 says, *“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

Paul had also encouraged Christians to remain faithful when he said in Ephesians **6:13**, *“Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”*

The book of Revelation was written specifically for the early Christians. John begins the letter by stating **“for the time is near”** – many today try to make the prophecies of Revelation pertain to events of today, but it was written for mainly for those early Christians going through a terrible time of persecution.

Notice also **Rev. 22:10** *“And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.”*

As Christians today we also must hear God’s Word, obey it and remain faithful to God all the days of our lives. We too will receive the “Crown of Life” if we follow the commands of God. For it says in **Galatians 6:9**, *“Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”*

Our next Beatitude is found in Revelation 14:13...

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Revelation 14 starts with a scene of triumph and victory for the followers of God and then a scene of punishment for the followers of Evil.

**Rev. 14:12** says, *“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”*

The Apostle Paul gave us words of encouragement before his death when he said in **II Timothy 4:6-8**, *“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”*

As Paul, we too will receive the “crown of righteousness” if we fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith.

We all have a choice to make; follow after God or follow after Satan. Joshua said it best in **Joshua 24:15**, *“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

Whom will you serve!

**Psalms 116:15**, says, *“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.”* May we live in such a way that when we die we are precious in the sight of the Lord and will spend eternity with Him.

The next Beatitude is found in Revelation 16:15...

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The first time Jesus came to earth He came as our Savior but the next time He comes He will be coming as our Judge. We must be ready for His appearing. We will be blessed or happy if we...

...remain watchful. That is anticipating and being ready for the time when Jesus comes again.

...keep our garments spotless. We keep our selves pure and spotless by “*walking in the light as He is in the light*”, **I John 1:7**.

**James 1:27**, “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

**Ephesians 5:27**, “that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

**Revelation 3:5**, “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”

Let us be faithful children of God, watching and staying spotless from the sins of the world.

Beatitude #4 is found in Revelation 19:9...

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As the bride of Christ we must be committed and faithful to our relationship with Him. Our love and devotion must be true and pure no matter the temptations that we are faced with. We must be prepared for when He comes.

Some of the Lord’s parables help us to better understand this beatitude.

**Ten Virgins** – 5 were prepared for the bridegroom and 5 had to go out and buy oil and while they were out the door was shut.

**Marriage Feast** – Some invited to attend the marriage feast refused to come (Jews), therefore it was opened up to everyone. Then there was one not properly dressed and cast into outer darkness. (those who do not stay unspotted from the world)

So be called to the Marriage Feast we must....

...Be Prepared. By being a child of God

...Work Diligently. Sowing the seed, taking the Gospel to all the world

...Remain Faithful. Obeying the commandments of God

Then we see the next Beatitude in Revelation 20:6...

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**Hebrews 9:25** tells us that, “*It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.*” Everyone of us will die, there is no escape, unless we are alive when Christ comes again.

But we DO NOT want to die the second death! What is the second death?

**Revelation 20:13-15**, *“The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

We will escape the second death if we take part of the first resurrection, which is baptism. Paul in **Romans 6:1-10** describes baptism as a symbol of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our old sinful man is buried, put to death, and we are then resurrected (raised) up out of the watery grave a new creature free from sin. It is then that we become children of God and are added to the church. (Acts 2:47) If we are a Christian, a child of God we will not take part of the second death. Are you a Christian? We that are Christians have been chosen by God and are a royal priesthood and that is what **I Peter 2:9** tells us, *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”*

**II Timothy 2:12**, *“If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.”*

**Revelation 3:21**, *“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”*

When we overcome the temptations of this world and remain faithful to God we will be rewarded by spending eternity with God.

The thousand year reign that many in the religious world speaks about is not a literal reign here on this earth, Jesus is NOW reigning over His kingdom, the church.

Beatitude #6 is found in Revelation 22:7...

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God has always expected us to keep His commands.

**Ecclesiastes 12:13**, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all.”*

**Matthew 7:21**, *“Not everyone who says unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven. But he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.”*

**Luke 11:28**, *“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”*

When we keep the commands of God and turn our lives over to Him completely, we have a *“peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* **Philippians 4:7**

Those of us that keep God's Word will be blessed! Beatitude #7 is...

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As we just noted, obedience to God has always been required. There is only one way to be pleasing to God.....OBEDIENCE!

**John 14:15**, *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”*

Obedience was expected of Jesus, **Hebrews 5:8-9**, *“though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”*

**Revelation 22** is a very encouraging and uplifting chapter. Everything lost in the Garden of Eden is given back in last chapter of Revelation.

In **Genesis 3** we see Adam and Eve forced from the Garden of Eden and from the Tree of Life because of their sin. Since then *“all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”* **Romans 3:23**

But in **Revelation 22** we regain what was lost in the Garden of Eden.

Mankind will regain access to the Tree of Life and in the City of God (heaven) we will have the perfect relationship with God that Adam and Eve once enjoyed!

**Revelation 22:1-2**, *“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”*

The faithful will spend eternity with God. We can not comprehend the riches that await those of us that are obedient children of God.

The Beatitudes of Revelation gave comfort and.....

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...hope to first century Christians.

They suffered tremendous persecution, torture and even death because of their faith and obedience to God. They needed all the help and encouragement they could get in such difficult times. We can not fully understand the crisis that they were going through.

The Beatitudes of Revelation surely were a great source of comfort, hope and encouragement for those faithful Christians enduring such hardships.

We may not suffer as the early Christians did but we still have heartaches, troubles and temptations in our life.

The beatitudes of Revelation are just as beneficial to us and to our Brothers and Sisters who lived so long ago.

But to receive these blessings we must....