

Applause of Heaven  
Matthew 5:1-12

**I. Heaven applauds those whose attitudes toward their sins match those prescribed in the Scripture. (3-6)**

As mentioned before, Jesus describes for His disciples the attitudes those who enter the His kingdom should have. Jesus' sermon is a manifesto for His followers. These first four attitudes that Jesus describes are the kingdom focus that kingdom people should have toward their King.

**a. Kingdom people recognize themselves as a beggar for spiritual life. (3)**

Blessed are the **poor** in spirit....Matthew 5:3a

**b. Kingdom people recognize themselves as mourning over personal and global sin. (4)**

Blessed are those who **mourn**...Matthew 5:4a

**c. Kingdom people recognize themselves as meek.**

Blessed are the **gentle**...Matthew 5:5a

**d. Kingdom people recognize themselves as malnourished of God's righteousness (6)**

Blessed are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for **righteousness**...Matthew 5:6a

**II. Heaven applauds those whose attitudes toward the Savior match those prescribed in the Scripture (7-9)**

**a. Kingdom citizens exhibit the attitude of being merciful toward their fellow man. (7)**

Blessed are the **merciful**...Matthew 5:7a

**b. Kingdom citizens exhibit the attitude of being single minded in their focus on God (8)**

Blessed are the **pure in heart**...Matthew 5:8a

**C. Kingdom citizens exhibit the attitude of being peacemakers (9)**

Blessed are the **peacemakers**...Matthew 5:9a

**III. Heaven applauds those whose actions toward suffering match those prescribed in the Scripture. (10-12)**

**a. Current Kingdom citizens can take solace in knowing that disciples before them were also persecuted for the sake of righteousness (10)**

Blessed are those who have been **persecuted** for the sake of righteousness...Matthew 5:10a

**b. Current Kingdom citizens can take solace in knowing that disciples before them were also insulted falsely for all kinds of evil (11a)**

Blessed are you when people **insult** you...Matthew 5:11a

**c. Current Kingdom citizens can take solace knowing that disciples before them were falsely accused of evil (11c)**

**IV. Heavenly applause is realized through the rewards kingdom citizens receive (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)**

for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**...Matthew 5:3b

for they shall be **comforted**...Matthew 5:4b

for they shall **inherit the earth**...Matthew 5:5b

for they shall be **satisfied**...Matthew 5:6b

for they shall receive **mercy**...Matthew 5:7b

for they shall **see** God...Matthew 5:8b

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