



Matthew 5:3-12 A Welcoming Kingdom, 3

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Luke 15:11-32

Last time, each of the eight Beatitudes that had been surveyed and observed in the Prodigal Parable were considered with these questions:

- ① → How is this Beatitude counter-cultural or counter-intuitive?
 - ② → If a person fits into the description of this Beatitude, what virtues would they have?
 - ③ → How do you see this Beatitude in Jesus?
 - ④ → Do you see evidence of this Beatitude in the prodigals' lives?
 - ⑤ → How do you observe this Beatitude in your life?
- ① → Use these same questions for the "ninth" beatitude (vss 11-12). → Do you think this beatitude is any harder than the first eight? In what ways?

② → In what ways can you identify God, or Jesus, currently (in our day) ① being insulted, ② persecuted, or ③ being lied about/persecuted?

③ → In what ways have you ① been insulted, ② persecuted, or ③ lied about/persecuted BECAUSE of Jesus?

④ → Terry said "Rejoice and be glad (under persecution, insults and lies) for great is your reward," and that the "real rejoicing – is the welcoming of the Gospel." → What does this mean?

⑤ ⑥ ⑦ → **Extra (extra, extra) credit discussion:** Jesus is announced then, and from moment until He returns, a new way, a new moment, a new culture, A NEW LIFE! → How is that different from being told to act like a beatitude?