

## Blessed/Sunday, March 24, 2018

This morning we're going to begin a three-part series on the word, blessed. The word for blessed is Makarios. Makarios is defined as happy or fortunate. But it doesn't pertain to the world's idea of happy or fortunate. Makarios implies Spiritual prosperity. It pertains to a happiness that comes from God. It's not based on external circumstances. It's based on what God instills in believers. This morning we're going to begin a study on the eight beatitudes Jesus spoke on in Matthew 5 at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes are an attitude or a standard every member of the kingdom of heaven is called on to attain. Each of these begins with the word, Makarios or blessed. The point here is those who attain the attitude or standard are blessed. These blessings are what real blessings consist of.

Makarios- blessed

**Hebrews 6:19** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

**John 15:11** These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

**Ephesians 2:13** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

**Hebrews 5:9** And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation

**Ephesians 2:13** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

*Makarios means possessing the favor of GOD.*

**Psalms 1:1-2** How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

**2 Corinthians 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

*The poor in spirit recognize their spiritual need and find it supplied in THE LORD.*

**Psalms 34:18** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**Psalms 51:17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**Hebrews 10:34** For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

**Proverbs 16:32** He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;

**Ephesians 2:7** so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

**John 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Matthew 13:45-46** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**John 7:37-39** Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive;

**Matthew 23:23** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness

*Merciful has to do with being concerned for people who are in need. Someone who is merciful possesses a compassionate heart, which leads to acts of mercy, the purpose of which is to relieve suffering and misery.*

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return

**Romans 8:23** And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.