

THE WORD

“Blessed”

Makarios in the Beatitudes · Matthew 5:1–12a

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What Does “Blessed” Mean?

μακάριος (makarios) declares true flourishing and divine favor — not mere happiness or worldly success.



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Classical Roots

The blissful state of the gods — beyond human care.



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Hebrew Background

Translates אַשְׁרֵי (ashrei) of the Psalms.



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In the Beatitudes

Kingdom identity applied to the unexpected.



Blessed are the poor in spirit

Μακάριοι οἱ πτωχοὶ τῷ πνεύματι

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Those who recognize their complete dependence on God already stand within the Kingdom. Spiritual poverty is the doorway.



Blessed are those who mourn

Μακάριοι οἱ πενθοῦντες

For they shall be comforted.

Grief over sin and the brokenness of the world is not despair. It is the condition into which God brings His consolation.



Blessed are the meek

Μακάριοι οἱ πραεῖς

For they shall inherit the earth.

Meekness is not weakness. It is strength under control—trusting God’s timing rather than grasping for power.



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

Μακάριοι οἱ πεινῶντες καὶ διψῶντες τὴν δικαιοσύνην

For they shall be filled.

A deep, ongoing longing for God’s justice and holiness. The promise is not mere satisfaction, but divine filling.



Blessed are the merciful

Μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες

For they shall obtain mercy.

Those who extend compassion receive the same from the Father. Mercy is both gift and calling.



Blessed are the pure in heart

Μακάριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ

For they shall see God.

Purity of heart is undivided devotion. A single-hearted love for God opens the eyes to see Him.



Blessed are the peacemakers

Μακάριοι οἱ εἰρηνοποιοί

For they shall be called sons of God.

Peacemaking is active reconciliation. Those who pursue it reflect the character of the Father.



Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness

Μακάριοι οἱ δεδιωγμένοι ἕνεκεν δικαιοσύνης

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Suffering for the sake of Christ is not a sign of failure. It is the mark of true belonging to the Kingdom.

The Eight Beatitudes

A visual overview of Kingdom identity



Poor in Spirit



Those Who Mourn



The Meek



Hunger & Thirst



The Merciful



Pure in Heart



Peacemakers



Persecuted

MAKARIOS

True Flourishing

Not worldly prosperity, but divine favor and the life of the Kingdom.
The Beatitudes declare who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

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