

Count Your Blessings

Blessed- G3107 μακάριος makarios *mak-ar'-ee-os*

A prolonged form of the poetical *μάκαρ* makar (meaning the same); **supremely blest**; by extension **fortunate, well off**: - blessed, happy (X -ier).

Mat 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him:

Mat 5:2 And He opened His mouth, and taught them (*His disciples*), saying,

Mat 5:3 **Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

- Poor in spirit- these are those who are humble enough to accept their lot as sinners and to submit to and trust in the saving grace of the Savior through obedience to His will. Our opinion of self should be such as to not be boastful and proud.

Luk 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

- Kingdom of Heaven- "*theirs is*", presently, represents the church or could mean that the humble Christian already owns a piece of Heaven while living on earth.

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we **receiving a kingdom** which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are **in heaven**, and which are **on earth**; *even in Him: 11* In Whom also **we have** (*past tense*) **obtained an inheritance**, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: **12** That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.

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Mat 5:4 **Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

- They that mourn- here, over sin.

Eze 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that **sigh** and that **cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**

To mourn could also be for those who have gone on before us. Whether they were Christians or not, in Heaven there will be no tears and thus there the faithful will be comforted.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, *and be* their God. 4 And God shall **wipe away all tears** from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, **neither sorrow, nor crying**, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

- They shall- presently and in the future. God's word is where we can find such comfort presently as it speaks of future events to come.

Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

- Meek- Gk.4239-mild, humble. **Only** the humble will submit to God in obedience and thus are rewarded with the inheritance.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall **reign with Him** a thousand years.

- Inherit- Gk.2816-to be an heir to, to obtain by inheritance.
- The earth- Gk.1093-country, earth, ground, land world. **Not** Gk.3968-father land, native town, heavenly home, as in:

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a **country**. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a **better country**, that is, an **heavenly**: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath **prepared for them a city**.

Jesus was not speaking of Heaven here as the Hebrew writer was. Jesus was speaking about a soon to be realized then kingdom on earth. In Steven's speech he referred to Abraham using the same Greek word for earth.

Act 7:2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, 3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy **country** (Gk.1093), and from thy kindred, and come into the **land** (Gk.1093) which I shall shew thee.

Just as Abraham was promised to inherit land through his faith to God, as Abraham's children through our faith, we also inherit the promise of the Holy Spirit given to Abraham's seed which is Christ.

Gal 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the **same are the children of Abraham**. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached

before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Gal 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that **we might receive the promise** of the Spirit through faith.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, **which is Christ**. 17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham **by promise**.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one **in Christ Jesus**. 29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye **Abraham's seed**, and **heirs according to the promise**.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received** of the Father **the promise of the Holy Ghost**, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. *At that point those present saw the establishment of the kingdom on earth, the church, and the inheritance spoken of by Jesus that only the meek would be able to reign in.*

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Mat 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

- Hunger- Gk.3983-figuratively to *crave*.

- Thirst- Gk.1372-to *thirst* for.

- Righteousness- Gk.1343-*equity, justification*.

Luk 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. 37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; **good measure**, pressed down, and shaken together, and **running over**, shall men give into your bosom. For with the **same measure** that ye mete withal it shall be **measured to you again**.

- Filled- Gk.5526-to *gorge*. These will have more than enough if not here then in Heaven when Jesus comes once more.

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Mat 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

- Merciful- Gk.1655-*compassionate* (actively).

- Obtain mercy- Gk.1653-to *compassionate* (by word or deed, specifically by divine grace).

Mat 12:7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy (Gk.1656-*compassion*), and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.
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Mat 5:8 Blessed are the pure (*clean*) in heart (*thoughts, feelings [mind]*): for they shall see God.

Mar 7:20 And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart (*mind*) of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these **evil things come from within**, and defile the man.

- See God-

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? 10 And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. 11 And He said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Exo 33:17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name. 18 And he said, I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory. 19 And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. 20 And He said, Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live. 21 And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22 And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by: 23 And I will take away Mine hand, and thou shalt see My back parts: but My face shall not be seen.

Exo 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him:

and Moses talked with them. **32** And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. **33** And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, **he put a vail on his face.** **34** But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel *that* which he was commanded. **35** And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

Heb 12:21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:

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Mat 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

- We are known as the children of God, as is Jesus, as we make peace between God and man through the spreading of the gospel and reconciling sinners back to the Father.

Jas 5:20 ...he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

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Mat 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- Persecuted- Gk.1377-*persue*, follow (after), (suffer) persecute (-ion).
- Righteousness' sake- these are the ones who are purposely being pursued in a negative manner because of their Christian justification.

Act 5:40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41** And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were **counted worthy** to suffer shame for His name.

2Co 11:23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) *I am* more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. **24** Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. **25** Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; **26** *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; **27** In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in

hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

- Kingdom of Heaven- realm of the abode of God. (See notes on verse 3)

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile (Gk.3679-defame) you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

1Pe 3:16 Having a good conscience (*Gk.4893-co-perception, moral consciousness*); that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of (*as though you were*) evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation (*behavior*) in Christ.

Mat 5:12 Rejoice (Gk.5463-be full of "cheer"), and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Now, count your blessings again.

1. Are you "poor in spirit", humble enough to admit you are a sinner?
2. Do you "mourn" because of sin in the world?
3. Are you "meek", humble to the point of submitting to God?
4. Do you "crave" and "thirst" for justification before God?
5. Are you "merciful" to the point of being able to obtain God's mercy?
6. Are you "pure in spirit", is your mind free of evil thoughts?
7. Are you a "peacemaker", willing to bring others to God through Jesus Christ?
8. Have you been "persecuted" because of you justification received through Christ?
9. Do others speak evil of you even when all that you try to do is good?

These are all the blessings we would hope to add to our own personal list of things we are thankful for!

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