

Bless, Blessed, Blessing

Two different Greek words are used: εὐλογεῶ (eulogeo, good word) and μακάριος (makarios, fortunate).

μακάριος is more about attaining a status above the cares of everyday life. In centuries past, it was used to refer to the carefree life of the gods. Closer to Jesus time, it became the description of the wealthy who were above the daily cares of lesser folks. Finally, it was even used to describe those with successful children or a beautiful wife. This is the backdrop against which Jesus began the Beatitudes.

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| Matthew 5:3-11 | Matthew 11:6 | Matthew 13:16 |
| Matthew 16:17 | Matthew 24:46 | Luke 1:45, 48 |
| Luke 6:20-22 | Luke 10:23 | Luke 11:27-28 |
| Luke 12:37-43 | John 20:29 | Acts 20:35 |
| Romans 4:6-9 | Galatians 4:15 | 1 Timothy 1:11 |
| 1 Timothy 6:15 | Titus 2:13 | James 1:12, 25 |
| Revelation 1:3 | Revelation 14:13 | Revelation 16:15 |
| Revelation 19:9 | Revelation 20:6 | Revelation 22:7 |
| Revelation 22:14 | | |

εὐλογεῶ is the root of our word eulogy. The word is used more than 400 times in the Greek version of the Old Testament. The power to bless was irrevocable, as with the blessing of a son. God's blessings are also called promises. People bless God by making promises and speaking well of Him.

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| Matthew 14:19 | Matthew 21:9 | Matthew 23:39 |
| Matthew 25:34 | Matthew 26:26 | Mark 6:41 |
| Mark 8:7 | Mark 10:16 | Mark 11:9-10 |
| Mark 14:22 | Mark 14:61 | Luke 1:42 |
| Luke 1:68 | Luke 2:28 | Luke 2:34 |
| Luke 6:28 | Luke 9:16 | Luke 13:35 |
| Luke 19:38 | Luke 24:30 | Luke 24:50-53 |
| John 12:13 | Romans 1:25 | Romans 9:5 |
| Romans 12:14 | Romans 15:29 | 1 Corinthians 4:12 |
| 1 Corinthians 10:16 | 1 Corinthians 14:16 | 2 Corinthians 1:3 |
| 2 Corinthians 11:31 | Galatians 3:8-9, 14 | Ephesians 1:3 |
| Hebrews 6:7 | Hebrews 6:14 | Hebrews 7:1, 6-7 |
| Hebrews 11:20-21 | Hebrews 12:17 | James 3:9 |
| James 3:10 | 1 Peter 1:3 | 1 Peter 3:9 |
| Revelation 5:12 | Revelation 5:13 | Revelation 7:12 |