

***Makarios* [blessed]**

1. Fifty times in New Testament, in eleven books. A very strong pedigree.
2. It means more than “happy.”
3. Refers predominantly to a future heavenly state: “Blessed *are* . . .” = “Blessed *will be* . . .”
4. Generically applicable.
5. Invitingly instructive.
6. Personally directed.
7. A covenantal state.
8. Religious, Psalms, temple-related.
9. The righteous are progressively *makarioi*.
10. *Makarios* comes from the Lord.
11. Blessedness is relational. Cannot be blessed alone.
12. Expresses a sacred temple plea, “a liturgical cry.”
13. Different from blessings by people. *Eulogeō* refers to the giving of blessings by humans.
14. Bestowed in the resurrection and at the final judgment.
15. Celestially glorified, like God, knowing divine *mysterion* = on which silence must be kept.
16. An authentic word of Jesus, see Acts 20:35; uses in 3 Nephi.
17. Results from revelation. “Blessed art thou . . .”
18. The word is very sacred and holy. Inverted quotations in 1 Peter 3:14 and 4:14.
19. Epitomizes the revealed purpose and end of the New Testament:

A Blessed (*makarios*) *will be* he that readeth, and hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein (Rev 1:3).

B Blessed *are/will be* the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth” (Rev 14:13)

C Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *will be* he that is watching” (Rev 16:15)

C’ Blessed *will be* they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb” (Rev 19:9)

B’ Blessed and holy *will be* he that hath part in the first resurrection” (Rev 20:6).

A’ Blessed *will be* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Rev 22:7).

A seventh “macarism” places a final exclamation point on the book of Revelation:

“Blessed *will be* they who wash their robes [as some manuscripts read] or keep the commandments [as other manuscripts read], that they *will* thereby have the power pertaining to the tree of life and to the gates and shall enter into the [heavenly] city” of the New Jerusalem (Rev 22:14).