

THE BLESSINGS OF THE BEATITUDES

“The Blessings in Revelation”

Introduction-

The Greek word *makarios*, which is translated as “blessed” in the Beatitudes, shows up seven times in the book of Revelation (Rev 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14).

Anytime seven appears in the book of Revelation, one should take note! These seven blessings in Revelation line up with the nine beatitudes of Matthew 5 in sequential order.

The Blessings-

- 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit – Matt. 5:3.
 - Rev 1:3 Blessed are they that read and keep.

When we recognize that we are poor in spirit, we need to go to the treasure of God’s prophetic Word and be enriched by His wisdom, which is gained through obedience.

- 2) Blessed are they who mourn – Matt 5:4.
 - Rev 14:13 Blessed are they that die in the Lord.
 - 1 Thes 4:13-18
 - Heb 4:10-11
 - Matt 16:24-26
- 3) Blessed are the meek – Matt 5:5.
 - Rev 16:15 Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments (works).
 - James 4:2-3, 10
 - James 3:13
- 4) Blessed are they who hunger and thirst – Matt 5:6.
 - Rev 19:9 (7-8) Blessed are they which are called to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.
 - Wife has made herself ready – vs. 7.
 - Fine linen is the righteousness of the saints – vs. 8.
- 5) Blessed are the merciful – Matt. 5:7
Blessed are the pure in heart – Matt. 5:8.
 - Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that had part in the first resurrection.
 - Shown mercy = First resurrection
 - Pure in heart = holy (priests of God)
- 6) Blessed are the peacemakers – Matt. 5:9.
 - Rev 22:7 Blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
 - James 1:21-25 Doers of the Word.
 - Rom 8:11-19 Sons are obedient.
 - Eph 2:11-18 The Son made peace, so should we.

- 7) Blessed are they that are persecuted – Matt. 5:10.
Blessed are you when you are reviled – Matt. 5:11.
- Rev 20:14 Blessed are they that do His commandments.
 - Theirs is the kingdom (Matt) = enter gates (Rev)
 - Great reward in heaven (Matt) = right to tree (Rev)

Conclusion-

We will be blessed if we read and keep the words of the book (*poor in spirit*), die to self and live for the Lord (*die in the Lord, mourn*), keep prayerful watch and show our deeds with meekness (*meek*), make ourselves ready to be present at the wedding feast (*hunger and thirst*), and are part of the first resurrection (*merciful, pure in heart*), keeping the sayings of the prophecy (*make peace*), and doing His commandments (*persecuted and reviled*).

Because the time is at hand and our works will follow us, we do not want to be found naked when He comes as a thief. Fully clothed in white linen, we shall take our places at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb and thereafter serve as holy priests unto our God. We will be called sons of God and have access to the eternal city and the tree of life.