INTRODUCTION

- We investigate some of the Beatitudes, and we take a look at whether they are meant to be generalities, absolutes, or more futuristic in nature.
- We are BLESSED in some capacity when we are adherents to these principles. BUT...
  - How are we BLESSED? What does BLESSED mean?
  - Is everyone BLESSED the same way?
  - Are we BLESSED with tangible things such as cash or with intangible things such as good words and feelings?
  - Are we BLESSED Now? Or LATER?
  - Are the BLESSINGS permanent or temporary?
  - Are we BLESSED from bad things or after we endure bad things?

Beatitude “Word Cloud” – The most used terms are emphasized

Blessed [makarios, blessed, happy, occurs 49x in NT]

Blessed <3107> ~ a tangible reward of some sort (e.g., good feelings, earthly and/or heavenly rewards)

Blessed <2127> ~ an intangible aspect (i.e., praise of good words on people or things)

Mat 5:3. Blessed are the poor in spirit...and throughout Mat 5 Luke 14:14 and you will be blessed John 20:29. Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.” Gal 4:15. Where then is that sense of blessing you had? Rev 14:13. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

Luke 6:28. Bless those who curse you Mark 14:19. He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves Eph 1:3. Blessed <2128> be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed <2127> us with every spiritual blessing <2129>

Other Greek forms of Bless / Blessed / Blessings

Acts 3:25 AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED [1757, ευλογεω; to confer a benefit on, occurs 2x in NT]

Mark 10:16. Jesus took them in His arms and began BLESSING them, laying His hands on them. [2721. κατευλογεω; to bless <2127> fervently]

2Cor 1:15. ..you might twice receive a BLESSING [5485. χαρις; ~grace (130x in NT), kindness ~ a tangible gift]

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- The Blessings received as a result of following these principles are indeed tangible rewards. Though, some, or possibly many of these blessings may not be realized till we get to Glory, others will be a result of reaping what we sow. For example, when we sow mercy, we shall reap mercy.

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 06. Why should our giving, our praying, and our fasting be in secret, but other good works should be proclaimed loudly and clearly?