

Doctrine of Those who are Blessed

1. One Hebrew word for blessed is *barak* (baw-rak'), meaning to kneel; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration); to bless man (as a benefit).
 - Those who bless Israel shall be blessed. *Numbers 24:9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.*

2. Another Hebrew word for blessed is '*esher* (eh'-sher) and it means happiness; how happy!
 - Happy is the man whose sins are forgiven. *Psalms 32:1 A Psalm of David, Mas'-chil. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*
 - Happy is the person who shows kindness to the poor. *Psalms 41:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.*
 - Happy is the person that survives the abomination of desolation. *Daniel 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.*

3. One word for blessed in the Greek is *makarios* (mak-ar;-ee-os), and means supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off.
 - The person who is not offended by Christ shall be supremely blest of the Lord. *Matthew 11:6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*
 - *Luke 7:23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*
 - The person who will eat bread with Christ in the kingdom of God is very fortunate, very well off. *Luke 14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.*
 - The reading of *Scripture* brings a blessing of good fortune. Such a person is well off. *Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*
 - A person is well off if he watches for the Lord's return. *Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*
 - A person is well off to obey the commandments of God. *Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.*

4. Another word in the Greek word for blessed is *eulogeo* (yoo-log-eh'-o) and means to speak well of, i.e. (religiously) to bless (thank or invoke a benediction upon, prosper).
- The multitudes in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday blessed the Lord as they spoke well of Him. *Matthew 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

Mark 11:9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
 - Happy is the heart that invokes the return of Christ. *Matthew 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*