

From the Pastor

We see in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11) the English word “blessed” used nine times. Blessed is from the Greek word “makarios.” Makarios occurs 50 times in the New Testament. In the KJV it is translated 44 times “blessed,” 5 times “happy” and once “happier.” However, the word means more than just happy.

The second definition given in “A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature” revised and edited by Frederick William Danker (hereafter Danker’s Lexicon) is “pertaining to being especially favored, blessed, fortunate, happy, privileged.” It is used of a human who is a “privileged recipient of divine favor.” This is the aspect of the word that is meant in Matthew 5:3-11.

The word is used also to refer to God Himself. 1 Timothy 1:11 reads, “according to the glorious gospel of the blessed [Gk. makarios] God which was committed to my trust.” 1 Timothy 6:15 reads, “which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed [Gk. Makarios] and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.”

Makarios occurs 13 times in Matthew. Nine of those times being in the Beatitudes. However, makarios is most often used by Luke in his gospel (14 times).

We find makarios seven times in the book of Revelation. From those seven occasions we can see how the word is meant to be understood—the divine favor that is meant to be bestowed on those who live in obedience to God’s way of life.

Revelation 1:3: “Blessed is he who reads, and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Revelation 14:13: “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their work follow them.’”

Revelation 16:15: “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

Revelation 19:9: “Then he said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true sayings of God.’”

Revelation 20:6: “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection...”

Revelation 22:7: “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:14: “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.”

In the Beatitudes God tells us His divine favor is poured out on those who live by the attitudes described. These are the attitudes of a true Christian. It is important for us to understand what these attitudes are.

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| Sunset Today in: | 8:22pm | 8:21pm | 8:20pm |
| Sunset Friday 8-4 | 8:17pm | 8:17pm | 8:16pm |

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



July 29, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Bible Study: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

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“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”
Revelation 22:12

Announcements and Schedule

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| Sabbath 7/29 | Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, Victoria, Harlingen, and San Antonio. |
| Sabbath 8/5 | Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio and Victoria. There will be a DVD in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. |

From Joel Meeker:

Additional Openings for the Feast of Tabernacles in Orford, Québec

All Canadian members have now been accommodated for this small site, so we are able to open the Orford, Québec, site for additional transfers from other countries. Interested members may now register for Orford by clicking on the registration link at <http://feast.cogwa.org> or by going directly to the COGWA portal at <https://portal.cogwa.org/acct/>.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck will be August 5.

Victoria Potluck and Bible Study: We have scheduled a potluck and Bible Study for July 29. I would like to do this once a quarter.

Harlingen Bible Study and Potluck: On the Sabbath of July 29th there will be a Bible Study followed by a potluck in Harlingen TX.

Corpus Christi Bible Study and Brown Bag Social: On the Sabbath of July 29th there will be a Bible Study followed by a brown bag social in Corpus Christi TX.