

Your Blessed Life Now

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THREE APPROACHES TO THE BEATITUDES

View #1: P_____ To Be A_____

View #2: P_____ To Be A_____

View #3: P_____ To Be A_____

A BLENDED WISDOM READING

There are two Hebrew/Greek words for “blessing:”

- (1) *Baruch* (Hebrew) / *Eulogetos* (Greek): Divine favor granted as a G_____.
- (2) *Ashrei* (Hebrew) / *Makarios* (Greek): O_____ made by a bystander.

The parallel for Matthew 5:3-12 is P_____ chapter 1.

FOUR REASONS TO ACCEPT A BLENDED WISDOM APPROACH

- (1) Christ calls us to the A_____ life.
- (2) Discipleship involves C_____ costly suffering.
- (3) In Luke’s version, Jesus offers W_____, not just blessings.
- (4) The Beatitudes describe the life of J_____.

FOUR TAKEAWAYS WHEN READING THE BEATITUDES THIS WAY

- (1) These are C_____ traits, not just unfortunate circumstances.
- (2) These are C_____ truths, not options to be chosen a la carte.
- (3) It is possible these are P_____, each beatitude building on the last one.
- (4) The reason to seek the life before the comma is because of the P_____ after.

*Answers: Promises, Accepted, Portraits, Admirer, Pathways, Attempted, Gift;
Observation; Psalm; Abundant; Choosing; Woes; Jesus; Character; Combined;
Progressive; Promises*