

SIXTY BEATITUDES IN THE BIBLE

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The word 'Beatitudes' is from the Latin 'beatus', meaning 'blessed' or 'happy'. The traditional list of Beatitudes is composed of eight blessings found in Mat 5:3-10 from Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. The word 'blessed' in these verses is translated from the Greek word 'makarios', meaning 'blessed' or 'happy' (# 3754 in Strongs Concordance) . In the New Testament 'makarios' is sometimes translated 'blessed' and sometimes 'happy'.

1. Mat 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
2. Mat 5:4 Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Mat 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Mat 5:6 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Mat 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Mat 5:8 Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
7. Mat 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
8. Mat 5:10 Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the Old Testament the same word meaning 'blessed' or 'happy' is from the Hebrew word 'esher'. (#835 in Strongs Concordance). Sometimes 'esher' is translated 'happy' and sometimes, 'blessed'.

When we put these all together, we find, not just eight, but sixty Beatitudes throughout the Bible

1. HAPPY ARE THE PEOPLE SAVED BY THE LORD

Deu 33:29 HAPPY [art] thou, O Israel: who [is] like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who [is] the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Note: Consider how God saved Israel - from famine, from slavery, from their enemies. He is the God who saves all people - from our sins and ultimately from death.

2. HAPPY ARE THEY WHO HEAR YOUR WISDOM

1Ki 10:8 HAPPY [are] thy men, HAPPY [are] these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, [and] that hear thy wisdom.

2Chr 9:7 HAPPY [are] thy men, and HAPPY [are] these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

Note: This was written of Solomon, but can also be applied to the Lord who gave Solomon the wisdom.

3. HAPPY IS THE MAN WHOM GOD CORRECTS AND CHASTENS

Job 5:17-18 Behold, HAPPY [is] the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

Psa 94:12 BLESSED is the man whom thou chastenest O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law, that thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity until the pit be digged for the wicked.

Note: Heb 12:6-11 tells us that God chastens those whom he loves and that if we are without chastisement, we are not his sons.

4. BLESSED IS HE WHO DELIGHTS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD

Psa. 1:1-2 BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Note: There is a blessedness that comes from meditating on God's laws and commandments. In order not to walk in the way of sinners, we must know what sin is. See Biblical definitions of sin: (1Sam 15:23, Pro 21:4, 24:9, Rom 14:23, Jam 4:17, 1Jhn 3:4, 5:17)

5. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN THE LORD

Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish [from] the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. BLESSED [are] all they that put their trust in him.

Psa 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord [is] good: BLESSED [is] the man [that] trusteth in him.

Psa. 40:4 BLESSED is the man who maketh the Lord his trust, and doesn't respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Psa 84:11-12 For the Lord God [is] a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, BLESSED [is] the man that trusteth in thee.

Pro 16:20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, HAPPY [is] he.

Jer 17:7 BLESSED is the man that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is, for he shall be as a tree planted by the waters and that spreads out her roots by the river.

Note: Notice the promises God gives to those who put their trust in him through all the adversities of life.

6. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE FORGIVEN

Psa. 32:1-2, BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered, unto whom the Lord imputes not iniquity, and in whose spirit is no guile.

Rom 4:6-8 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, [Saying], BLESSED [are] they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. BLESSED [is] the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Note: Guile means laxness, slackness, slackening, deceit, treachery. I would also add here that they are blessed who come to know that they need to seek forgiveness from God. God forgives those who repent and are baptized, having their sins put under the blood of Chris. (Acts. 3:19) God forgives those who humble themselves, pray, seek his face and turn from wicked ways (2Chr 7:14) God forgives those who confess their sins. (1Jhn 1:9) God forgives those who love much. (Luk 7:36-48) God forgives those who forgive others. (Mat 6:14-15)

7. BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

Psa 33:12 BLESSED [is] the nation whose God [is] the Lord; [and] the people [whom] he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Note: The nation of Israel was called God's inheritance. Deu 9:29 Yet they [are] thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

8. BLESSED IS HE WHO CONSIDERS THE POOR

Psa 41:1-2 BLESSED is he that considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
Pro 14:21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, HAPPY [is] he.

Luk 14:13-14 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be BLESSED; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

*Note: Here are other scriptures showing how we should consider the poor
Luke 16:19-31, the story of Lazarus and the rich man.*

1Jo 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels [of compassion] from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

1Ti 6:17-18 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

9. BLESSED IS HE WHOM THE LORD CHOOSES

Psa 65:41 BLESSED is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Note: We do not choose God; he chooses us, because carnal or natural man is hostile to God and his laws.

Jhn 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and [that] your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

10. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO DWELL IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Psa 84:4 BLESSED [are] they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

Note: This is our hope as Christians - to dwell in the Lord's house as his family forever.

Here are other scriptures showing this:

Psa 15:1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

11. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE STRENGTH IS IN THE LORD

Psa 84:5-7 BLESSED [is] the man whose strength [is] in thee; in whose heart [are] the ways [of them]. [Who] passing through the Valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, [every one of them] in Zion appeareth before God.

Note: The words 'the ways' is from the Hebrew 'mecillah' meaning a highway or a public way as in 1Sam 6:12. It is applied to course of life as in Pro 16:17. The highway of the

upright [is] to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. The words 'of them' are in brackets indicating they are not in the original translation. The Valley of Baca is a valley in Palestine meaning 'weeping or lamentation'. Together, these verses tell us that those who are making the Lord their strength and follow the righteous course of life as he guides them, in spite of situations of sorrow, are promised that they will be ever stronger and shall come to appear before God.

12. BLESSED ARE THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE JOYFUL SOUND

Psa 89:15-16 BLESSED [is] the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Note: The Bible is full of scriptures that talk about the 'joy' of the Lord. For example: Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence [is] fulness of joy; at thy right hand [there are] pleasures for evermore.

13. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KEEP JUDGMENT AND DO RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psa 106:3 BLESSED are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Note: To be a righteous judge, listen to both sides without partiality or prejudice. Then try to base every judgment and decision on God's laws, his word, his opinions, and his will in everything. Definitions of righteousness are:

*Psa 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments [are] righteousness.
Gen 15:6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*

14. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD AND DELIGHTS IN HIS COMMANDMENTS

Psa 112:1-2 BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments; His seed shall be mighty upon the earth.

Psa 128:1-4 BLESSED [is] every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: HAPPY [shalt] thou [be], and [it shall be] well with thee. Thy wife [shall be] as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

Pro 28:14 HAPPY [is] the man that feareth alway, but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

Note: Definitions of fear of the Lord are:

Pro 8:13 The fear of the Lord [is] to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Pro 15:33 The fear of the Lord [is] the instruction of wisdom; and before honour [is] humility.

Pro 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD [men] depart from evil.

15. BLESSED ARE THE UNDEFILED IN THE WAY WHO WALK IN THE LAW OF THE LORD

Psa 119:1 BLESSED are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord.

Pro 29:18 Where [there is] no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, HAPPY [is] he.

Note: The words, 'the way' appear in many places to indicate the way that the Lord guides us as opposed, for example, to 'the way of Cain'. Example from Old Testament: Psa 25:8 Good and upright [is] the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in THE WAY. Example from the New Testament: Acts 9:1-2 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of THIS WAY, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

16. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KEEP THE LORD'S TESTIMONIES AND SEEK HIM WITH THEIR WHOLE HEART

Psa 119:2 BLESSED are they that keep his testimonies and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways

Note: The word 'testimonies' is from the Hebrew 'edah' meaning to testify or bear witness.

17. HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO HAS HIS QUIVER FULL OF CHILDREN

Psa 127:3-5 Lo, children [are] an heritage of the Lord: [and] the fruit of the womb [is his] reward. As arrows [are] in the hand of a mighty man; so [are] children of the youth. HAPPY [is] the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Note: As with many other things, we tend to take for granted children that the Lord has blessed us with to realize and appreciate how precious they are. 1Cor 7:13-14 tells us that even if a believing man or woman has an unbelieving mate, the unbelieving mate is sanctified and the children are holy.

18. HAPPY IS HE WHO SHALL DESTROY BABYLON

Psa 137:8-9 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; HAPPY [shall he be], that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. HAPPY [shall he be], that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

Note: Jer 50 and 51 tell about the destruction of Babylon, the city that took God's people into captivity. At the end of chapter 51, Seriah the scribe is told to take the prophecy, bind a stone to it and cast it into the Euphrates River to show how Babylon will never rise again. Rev 17 and 18 tell us that this final great destruction of Babylon shall take place at the return of Jesus Christ.

19. HAPPY ARE THE PEOPLE WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD, WHOM THE LORD DELIVERS FROM EVILDOERS SO THAT THEY MAY LIVE IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY

Psa 144:11-15 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand [is] a right hand of falsehood: That our sons [may be] as plants grown up in their youth; [that] our daughters [may be] as corner stones, polished [after] the similitude of a palace: [That] our garners [may be] full, affording all manner of store: [that] our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets: [That] our oxen [may be]

strong to labour; [that there be] no breaking in, nor going out; that [there be] no complaining in our streets. HAPPY [is that] people, that is in such a case: [yea], HAPPY [is that] people, whose God [is] the Lord.

20. HAPPY IS HE WHO HOPES IN THE LORD FOR HIS HELP

Psa 146:5-6 HAPPY [is he] that [hath] the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope [is] in the Lord his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein [is]: which keepeth truth for ever

21. HAPPY IS HE WHO FINDS WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

Pro 3:13-14 HAPPY [is] the man [that] findeth wisdom, and the man [that] getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it [is] better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Note: Wisdom is something that you FIND.

22. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO KEEP THE WAYS OF WISDOM

Pro 8:32-33 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for BLESSED [are they that] keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Note: Wisdom is something that you must KEEP after you find it. Therefore you must recognize the value of what you have found. Don't minimize its value and throw it away.

23. BLESSED IS HE WHO HEARS AND WATCHES FOR WISDOM

Prov 8:34 BLESSED is the man that heareth me (wisdom), watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors, for whoso findeth me findeth life and shall obtain favor of the Lord.

Note: The way to FIND wisdom is to seek it by LISTENING, WATCHING and WAITING for it.

24. BLESSED ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE JUST

Pro 20:7 The just [man] walketh in his integrity: his children [are] BLESSED after him.

25. BLESSED IS THE LAND WHEN THE LEADERS ARE HONORABLE MEN AND HAVE SELF CONTROL

Ecc 10:17 BLESSED art thou O land when thy king is the son of nobles and thy princes eat in due season for strength and not for drunkenness.

Note: You can also apply this principle to an individual whose body is blessed when he is an honorable man and has self control, eating and drinking enough to strengthen him, but not so much that he becomes drunk.

26. BLESSED ARE ALL THEY THAT WAIT FOR THE LORD

Isa 30:18 And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord [is] a God of judgment: BLESSED [are] all they that wait for him.

Dan 12:11-12 And from the time [that] the daily [sacrifice] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, [there shall be] a thousand two hundred and ninety

days. BLESSED [is] he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

Note: This waiting period in Daniel 12 of 45 days or years ends at the first resurrection because the following verses tell how Daniel will 'rest' that is - in death, and then 'stand up in his lot' that is - he will stand up in the resurrection at the end of the days.

27. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO SOW BESIDE WATERS AND SEND FORTH THE OX AND THE ASS

Isa 32:20 BLESSED are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

Note: In a physical way, if you sow your seed near plenty of water, you shall reap an abundant crop. Spiritual sowing is to sow the seed of the word of God. (Mat 13:19, Mar 4:14, and Luk 8:11). Jhn 4:13-14, 7:38-39 and Acts 1:5 tell us that spiritual water is the holy spirit. To send forth the feet of the ox and the ass in a spiritual way means to send forth those who labor to preach the word of God. (1Cor 9:9)

28. BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO KEEPS THE SABBATH AND KEEPS HIS HAND FROM DOING EVIL

Isa 56:2 BLESSED is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Note: From the beginning of creation the Sabbath day is the seventh day of the week, Saturday. And when Israel lost knowledge of the Sabbath through their bondage in Egypt, God revealed it to them in the wilderness with the miracle of the manna that fell six days, but not the seventh. To keep the Sabbath holy is the fourth commandment. Jesus kept the seventh day Sabbath and his disciples also did as recorded through the book of Acts. Since the time of Jesus and the original disciples, men have changed the Sabbath to Sunday through their own reasoning. But there can be found no commandment from God anywhere in the Bible to change the seventh day Sabbath to Sunday, the first day of the week. As proof that God never intended this change, we can read Isa 66:23. This is a prophecy telling us that all mankind will worship on God's Sabbath day when Jesus returns and his kingdom shall rule the earth.

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29. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Mat 5:3 BLESSED are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Luk 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, BLESSED [be ye] poor: for yours is the Kingdom of God.

Note: To be poor in spirit does not mean to lack God's holy spirit, but to avoid the attitude that we are rich enough that we no longer need God.

30. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN

Mat 5:4 BLESSED are they that mourn for they shall be comforted.

Luk 6:21 BLESSED [are ye] that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Note: The Lord has prepared special comfort and even laughter for those who are enduring trials, afflictions and mourning today. This is a great promise. Rev 21:4 And God

shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

31. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

Mat 5:5 BLESSED are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Note: Meek means mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit.

32. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS

Mat 5:6 BLESSED are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.

Note: To hunger and thirst after righteousness is to strongly desire the commandments of the Lord for his commandments are righteousness. Psa 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments [are] righteousness. Compare also Jhn 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

33. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Mat 5:7 BLESSED are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

Note: Compare the story of the unforgiving servant: Mat 18:23-35

34. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Mat 5:8 BLESSED are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Note: Compare Pro 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life. Mar 7:21-23 Out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. Mat 12:35 Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man, out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. Rather, bring forth out of the heart as it says in Luk 3:8 fruits worthy of repentance. Gal 5:22, Eph 5:9 The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, righteousness and truth. This is a pure heart.

35. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Mat 5:9 BLESSED are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

Note: Here are scriptures exhorting us to make peace with God and with others.

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Hbr 12:14 Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Jam 3:17-18 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

36. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE REVILED AND PERSECUTED

Mat 5:11 BLESSED are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake; rejoice and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven.

Luk 6:22-23 BLESSED are ye when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their company and shall reproach you and cast you your name as evil for the son of man's sake; rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

1Pet 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, HAPPY [are ye]: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

1Pet 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, HAPPY [are ye]; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

Note: Compare Jhn 7:7 where Jesus said, "The world cannot hate you, but me it hateth because I testify of it that the works thereof are evil." Jesus told people that they were wrong. This is why he was hated and killed. Jesus prophesied that his followers would also be hated and persecuted. Luk 21:17 And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake. Jhn 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before [it hated] you.

37. BLESSED IS HE WHO SHALL NOT BE OFFENDED IN ME

Mat 11:6 BLESSED is he whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Luk 7:23 And BLESSED is [he], whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Note: The context of this saying is that men came from John the Baptist to ask Jesus, "are you the Christ or should we look for another?" Jesus answered that they should see how his works show them who he is. To be offended in him is to see something disapproved of and therefore hinders from seeing the works that prove who he is. Here is an example of how people were offended at Jesus. (Mat 13:54-57) His neighbors were saying among themselves, "How can this man do and say the things that he does? He is just an average man and his family lives here among us." So they were offended in him. See other examples in Mat 26:31-33, Mar 4:16-17, and Jhn 15:18:27, 16:1-2 This should cause us to examine our heart towards others also. Do we see something in another that offends us and causes us to reject him as a Christian brother such as his poverty?

38. BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES FOR THEY SEE AND YOUR EARS FOR THEY HEAR

Mat 13:16-17 BLESSED are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear, for verily I say to you that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see and have not seen them, and to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard them.

Luk 10:23-24 And he turned him unto [his] disciples, and said privately, BLESSED [are] the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen [them]; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard [them].

Note: The context of this in Matthew begins in verse 1. Jesus was telling his disciples that he spoke to the crowds in parables because they were dull of hearing. But those who are truly his disciples will hear and see the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. The message in Luke is that Jesus rejoiced in how things were hidden from the wise and prudent, but revealed to babes - for no man knows the son but the Father or who the Father is, but the Son, and [he] to whom the Son will reveal [him]. Thus, he was telling the disciples how greatly privileged they were to hear and see the truth about the Father and Son. Here are also more scriptures about spiritual 'sight' (2Pet 1:5-11, 1Jhn 2:11) and spiritual 'hearing' (Mat 7:24-27)

39. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN THE FATHER HATH REVEALED TO YOU WHO I AM

Mat 16:13-17 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some [say that thou art] John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, BLESSED art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Notte: Compare Jhn 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and [he] to whomsoever the Son will reveal [him].

40. BLESSED IS THE SERVANT WHOM HIS LORD WHEN HE COMES SHALL FIND READY

Mat 24:44-46 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? BLESSED [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Luk 12:39-44 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom [his] lord shall make ruler over his household, to give [them their] portion of meat in due season? BLESSED [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

Note: How does the Lord wish us to prepare so that we can be ready when he comes? Luk 21:34-36 tells us to not let our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, so that day comes upon us unawares, but to watch and pray always, that we may be counted worthy to escape the things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man. Luk 12:35-36 tells us to let our loins be girded about, our lights burning; and we ourselves like men that wait for their lord so that when he comes and knocks, we may open to him immediately.

41. BLESSED IS SHE THAT BELIEVED

Luk 1:45 BLESSED is she that believed, for there shall be a performance of those things that were told her from the Lord.

Note: This is speaking of Mary who believed God when he told her by the angel that she would conceive a son by the holy spirit. It is very important for us to believe what God says. It is said of Abraham that he believed God and it was imputed to him for righteousness. (Jam 2:23)

42. BLESSED ARE YE THAT HUNGER NOW

Luk 6:21 BLESSED [are ye] that hunger now: for ye shall be filled.

Note: Compare the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Luk 16:19-31 God allowed Lazarus to be a poor and hungry beggar until he died. But Lazarus came to be in the Kingdom of God while the rich man was left out.

43. BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT

Luk 11:27-28 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed [is] the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, BLESSED [are] they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Note: Here is a good example of how Jesus did not glorify himself in any way, but he glorified God and his word.

44. BLESSED ARE THE SERVANTS WHOM THE LORD WHEN HE COMES SHALL FIND WATCHING

Luk 12:35-38 Let your loins be girded about, and [your] lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. BLESSED [are] those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find [them] so, BLESSED are those servants.

Note: This is similar to # 40. Blessed are the servants whom the Lord when he comes shall find ready. We are to behave like people who are expecting the return of their Lord, and spend out time making ourselves ready by prayerfully watching our thoughts, words and deeds.

Consider these scriptures:

Mar 13:33-36 says: Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

Humans cannot go without physical sleep. So this must be a spiritual sleeping or unconsciousness as evidenced by these verses:

1Th 5:1-8 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

These are things to watch for:

1. Watch what you say that it is according to the word of God. (Psa 141:3)
2. Watch for temptation coming; every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. (Mat 26:41)
3. Watch that doctrine does not turn to fables. (2Tim 4:2-5)
4. Watch for wolves in the flock. (Acts 20:31)
5. Watch for the souls over whom you have charge. (Heb 13:17)
6. Watch daily for wisdom. (Pro 8:34)
7. Watch for those things preceeding Christ's return. (Mat 24:42)
8. Watch for sin in yourself. (Rev 16:15)

45. BLESSED IS HE THAT SHALL EAT BREAD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Luk 14:7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,

Luk 14:8 When thou art bidden of any [man] to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

Luk 14:9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

Luk 14:10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

Luk 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Luk 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor [thy] rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

Luk 14:13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

Luk 14:14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Luk 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.

Note: In Luk 14:7-11 Jesus said, "When you are bidden to a wedding take the lowest room for whoever humbles himself will be exalted. In verses 12-14 Jesus said, "When you make a supper, call the poor, the maimed etc. for they cannot recompense you." After this one who heard him and oerceived that he was speaking about being invited into the Kingdom of God said, "BLESSED is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God." Jesus answered this in verses 16-24 by telling the story of a man who made a wedding feast, but everyone who was invited did not value the invitation, but made excuses not to come. So he sent invitations to the poor, the maimed, those on the highways etc. Then he said in verses 25-34 that no man could be his disciple unless he hate all his relatives, his own life, be willing to forsake all he has and be willing to bear his cross. The point seems to be that before we come to the point of eating bread in the Kingdom of God, we must first value the invitation to the Kingdom enough to accept it. Then we must count the cost of the invitation. Then we must humble ourselves and take the lowest seat once we are there.

46. HAPPY ARE YOU WHO KNOW AND FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE

Jhn 13:14-17 If I then, [your] Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, HAPPY are ye if ye do them.

Note: Jesus said this at the Passover supper the evening before he died. We should not only follow his example to wash one another's feet at the annual Christian Passover, but also have the attitude of serving one another at all times.

47. BLESSED ARE THE BARREN AND WOMBS THAT NEVER BARE

Luk 23:27-31 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they sh [are] the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

Note: Jesus said this as he was on his way to calvary. It is a prophecy of the conditions in the end time.

48. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED

Jhn 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: BLESSED [are] they that have not seen, and [yet] have believed.

Note: This is when after the resurrection Jesus said to doubting Thomas, "put your hand into my wounds and be not faithless, but believinkg."

49. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO GIVE

Act 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more BLESSED to give than to receive.

Note: Compare these scriptures on giving:

Mat 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Luk 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

50. BLESSED ARE THOSE ALLOWED TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES

Act 26:2 I think myself HAPPY, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

Note: Compare Mat 10:18-20 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

51. HAPPY IS HE THAT CONDEMNS NOT HIMSELF

Rom 14:22-23 Hast thou faith? have [it] to thyself before God. HAPPY [is] he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because [he eateth] not of faith: for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.

Note: The context of this is in verse 2 - eating meat vs eating herbs (being vegetarian) or a day of eating vs fasting (verse 5). Rom 14:3 says, "Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him."

52. HAPPY ARE WOMEN WHO ABIDE UNMARRIED

1Cor 7:40 But she is HAPPIER if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

Note: The context of 1Cor 7 from verse 25 has to do with commandments for being married or not married.

53. BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT ENDURES TEMPTATION

Jam 1:12 BLESSED [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Note: A temptation is a trial, adversity, trouble, affliction sent by God to test or prove one's fidelity, integrity, virtue, constancy, character, faith, holiness. It is also an enticement to sin, whether arising from the desires or from the outward circumstances.

54. BLESSED IS THE DOER OF THE WORD

Jam 1:23-26 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth [therein], he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be BLESSED in his deed.

Note: We must be careful to pay attention to the lessons we hear on the Sabbath days and apply them to our lives, so that we will not be a forgetful hearer.

55. BLESSED IS HE THAT READS, HEARS AND KEEPS THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY

Rev 1:3 BLESSED is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophesy and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand.

Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: BLESSED [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Note: A special blessing is given to those who read, hear and keep the prophecies of the Book of Revelation for they have to do with the events surrounding the return of Jesus Christ.

56. BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD

Rev. 14:13 And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, BLESSED are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Note: In the context of Revelation 14, the words, 'from henceforth' indicate the time after the return of the Lord. A special blessing is given to those who 'die in the Lord' after his

return. (Verse 1) The words 'die in the Lord' mean that they died having been faithful to the Lord in their lifetime. When the Lord returns to set up his Kingdom on earth, there will be physical people living and dying during the thousand years of his reign.

57. BLESSED IS HE WHO WATCHES AND KEEPS HIS GARMENTS

Rev 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.

Note: Nakedness is symbolic of unrighteousness. (Rev 19:8)

58. BLESSED ARE THEY CALLED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, BLESSED are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true saings of God.

Note: God is calling people to become Christians who will be 'espoused' to Jesus Christ (2 Cor 11:2) and they will 'marry' him at his return. See parable of the wedding Mat 22:2-14, Parable of the virgins Mat 25:1-13. The earthly marriage relationship pictures the marriage between Jesus and his church. (Eph 5:22-33). The context of Rev 19:9 is that this great wedding will take place after the return of Jesus Christ and after the destruction of Babylon. (See verses 1-8)

59. BLESSED IS HE THAT HAS PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION

Rev 20:6 BLESSED and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. On such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Note: 1 Cor 15:21-23 and 1Thes 4:14-17 tell us that Christ was raised first from the dead. Then, at his second coming there will be a resurrection called the 'first resurrection'. All those in the first resurrection shall be resurrected to eternal spirit life and never subject to death again but shall reign with him ovr the earth during the millenium. The second resurrection is 'for all the rest of the dead', those who were never converted and became Christ's in this life. (Rev 20:5) It shall take place after the thousand years have finished. They shall be resurrected to temporary physical life and have their chance to answer God's invitation to eternal life in his Kingdom.

60. BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS

Rev 22:14 BLESSED are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates of the city. (New Jerusalem)

Note: The tree of life that was offered to Adam and Eve in the beginning, and which they rejected, is again made available to those who keep God's commandments.