

# Blessings, without the disguise

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and blessed are the breasts that nursed You."

<sup>28</sup> But He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God, and obey it."

Luke 11:27-28

## Blessing . . . . .

1. μακάριος makarios  
make longer, enlarge, stretch. From without.
2. εὐλογέω eulogeo  
confer benefit, give wisdom. From within.

## I am the . . . . . God wants to bless. 27

3. I have . . . . . my blessings  
God is generous so I am blessed, too.
4. . . . . can be my blessings  
Consider it... Blessed is... James.1:2,12
5. Blessings do . . . . . remove my problems  
But, Luke 23:29, John 7:5

## I am in the . . . . . of blessing. 28

6. I am blessed . . . . .  
If... if... John 13:17  
'...hear the Word of God and obey it' v 28
7. I am blessed . . . . .  
Those who have . . . . . are blessed. Gal.3:9
8. I am blessed . . . . .  
...with . . . . . spiritual blessing. Eph.1:3

## I am in the . . . . . of being blessed. 28

9. I am blessed with . . . . .  
Justified by . . . . . are blessed... Gal.3:8-9
10. I am blessed with . . . . .  
Blessed if you . . . . . John 13:17  
Salvation is Personal, but . . . . .
11. I am blessed at the . . . . .  
Blessed... take your . . . . . Matt.25:34

## Thought starters for personal reflection, or group study.

1. The New Testament has 2 words that are translated into English as 'blessing'. What is an example of each type of blessing?
2. What is something, that was so well-disguised, that you didn't see it as a blessing when it first arrived?
3. Read Luke 11:27-28. In both verses, 'bless' is *makarios*. How do you think she viewed blessings? How did Jesus want to deepen her understanding of blessings?
4. The woman in Luke 11:27 said Mary was blessed. What do these verses say about Mary and blessings: Luke 1:28,42,48? Do blessings remove problems, Luke 2:34-35, John 7:5?
5. Read James 1:2,12. Can bad events be a blessing? Can COVID-19 be a blessing? How do you measure a blessing?
6. Compare Luke 11:28 with John 13:17. Is it possible to miss out on God's blessings? Advise a friend of 2 ways to ensure being blessed.

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