

Blessed
"The ^ Way"

"I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of The Way."


-Paul

This Morning's Meditation

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick."

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- Jesus




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The Big Question

"Do we need to be broken and desperate to be blessed by God?"




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Defining "Blessed"

"**Blessed**" (gk. *makarios*): happy, blissful, fortunate, blessed: a transcendent happiness of a life free of care, labor, weakness, and death: blessedness is the fullness of life: being made happy by God.




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The Bliss Of The Gods

"Both Homer and Hesiod spoke of the Greek gods as being "blessed" in themselves, unaffected by the world of men who are subject to poverty, weakness and death."

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The Beatitudes

“...Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven...”

Matthew 5:1-16



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Jesus' Purpose

“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”

- The Gospel Of Matthew, ch.4



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Be Blessed!

Seek to thrive in our brokenness!

Join with the desperate!

Recognize our constant need!



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Blessed By God

“How good it is to sing praises to God!...The Lord builds up...He gathers the exiles...He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Psalm 147:1-3



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