

VS52 - Happiness or Blessedness?

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For **ὁ μακαρισμός**, beyond the difficulty with the main stem "**μακαρ**" (discussed above), there really is another puzzle with the "**ισ**."

This is the same difference that changes "wise man" to "sophist," so it is a significant addition.

σοφός (ή, όν)	wise	ΣΟΦΟΣ <i>knowledge</i>
ό σοφός οί σοφοί	wise man	ΣΟΦΟΣ <i>knowledge</i>
ό σοφιστής οί σοφισταί	sophist i.e., a man considered wise	ΣΟΦΙΣΤΗΣ <i>considered to have knowledge</i>
τό σοφισμα τά σοφίσματα	sophistry i.e., what is considered wisdom	ΣΟΦΙΣΜΑ <i>considered to have knowledge</i>
σοφιστικός (ή, όν)	sophistic i.e., considered wise	ΣΟΦΙΣΤΙΚΟΣ <i>considered to have the characteristic of knowledge</i>

It is due to this addition of "ισ" that LSJ adds "*pronouncing*" to the definition of ό μακαρισμός, i.e., "*pronouncing happy*" which makes sense. It almost seems to mean "the hailing toward blessing" or "the pronouncement of blessedness."

μακαρίζειν	to bless	ΜΑΚΑΡΙΖΕΙΝ <i>greatness action</i>
μακάριος (α, ον)	blessed	ΜΑΚΑΡΙΟΣ <i>greatness</i>
τὸ μακάριον τὰ μακάρια	what is blessed	ΜΑΚΑΡΙΟΝ <i>greatness</i>
ἡ μακαριότης αἱ μακαριότητες	blessedness	ΜΑΚΑΡΙΟΤΗΣ <i>condition from greatness</i>
μακαριστός (ή, όν)	considered blessed	ΜΑΚΑΡΙΣΤΟΣ <i>considered to have greatness</i>
ὁ μακαρισμός οἱ μακαρισμοί		ΜΑΚΑΡΙΣΜΟΣ <i>considered to have greatness</i>