

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Mind Of Christ"
Luke 6:20-26
Study-22

Jesus, in these opening words of His sermon, is asking us this question:
"Do we trust Jesus Christ enough to wait For His blessings, or must we find instant gratification here and now?"

We come to **"Luke's Sermon on the Mount"** in **Matthew 5-7**

Luke has 1 chapter (30 verses) **Mathew** 3 chapters (107 verses)

Luke has 4 Beatitudes **Matthew** has 8 Beatitudes

Luke beatitudes focus on the negative **Matthew** positives

Luke has 4 woes in the sermon **Matthew** has none

Luke says **"you"** 21 times - **"Blessed are you..."**

Matthew uses the third person. **Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are those..."**

Verses 20-26 **Circumstances** – Beatitudes

Verses 27-38 **People** – God's Love

Verses 39-45 **Self** – Evaluation

Verses 46-49 **God** – Doing His Will

Thought Of Our Passage: "The World Seeks Instant Gratification But The Child Of God Waits For The Blessings Of Jesus Christ."

1. Verses 20,24 Poverty Versus Wealth

2. Verses 21,25 Hunger Versus Fullness

3. Verses 21,25 Sorrow Versus Laughter

4. Verses 22-23,26 Rejection Versus Popularity

1. Verses 20,24 Poverty Versus Wealth

Luke 6:20 And turning His gaze toward His disciples,

Context – Jesus prayed all night and chose 12 apostles. **Luke 6:12-13**

Luke 6:17 stood on a level place; "A Sermon On The Level."

And turning His gaze toward His disciples

"learner, follower, pupil" It is one who follows both the teacher and the teaching. **He began to say**, Jesus was not only ministering to the disciples but to the other people that were listening. **Luke 6:27, 47**

"Blessed – The word means *"to be envied, to have the joy of the god's,"* *"The applause of heaven,"* a result of God Himself being pleased with us.

It's not a change in circumstances but a change in our relationship to God and in our outlook on life.

Psalm 32:1-2

Matthew 5:3 are you who are poor, - means *"destitute...having no sufficiency in self" "Vacant of self, beggarly poor, gives the idea of a beggar so humble that his face is hidden," "solely **dependent** upon another, spiritually bankrupt, no resources.*

Luke sights 3 of the poor that were waiting.
(Economically and Spiritually)

Mary – **Luke 1:46-48**

Simeon – **Luke 2:25**

Anna – **Luke 2:37**

Jesus Himself was poor, **Luke 9:58; 2 Corinthians 8:9**

The beatitudes of Jesus make a mockery of this world's values. His beatitudes exalt what the world despises and reject what the world admires.

Verse 24 God's Warning: Luke 6:24 Notice that Jesus finishes each Beatitude with "But woe to you..."

Woe – "to some great calamity, usually a judgment by God."

"But woe to you who are rich,

Start to trust self, look at others with contempt! **Revelation 3:17**

Luke 6:20 for yours is the kingdom of God.

Literally, *"theirs and theirs alone is the kingdom of heaven."* That means, experience Jesus living in me! It means future ruling and reigning with Him.

Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 66:2; James 4:10

What Is The Blessing Of Those Who Are Poor?

Approved by God: (Blessed) We receive the applause of heaven.

We inherit the Kingdom: (Salvation) We are forgiven; we rule and reign.

We maintain spiritual growth: We allow God to work in and through us.

2. Verses 21,25 Hunger Versus Fullness

Luke 6:21 hunger now,
Spiritual hunger - **Matthew 5:6** hunger and thirst **for righteousness**,

Psalms 42:1-2; Psalm 63:1; Jeremiah 29:13

Verse 25 God's Warning: Luke 6:25 "Woe to you who are well-fed now,

Those who think little of the next life and live for the here and now!

John 4:13-14; John 7:37-38; John 6:35

What Is The Blessing Of Those Who Hunger Now?

Luke 6:21 for you shall be satisfied. This hunger and thirst can be met.

3. Verses 21,25 Sorrow Versus Laughter

Luke 6:21 Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine,

What is Jesus referring to? Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Mourning and weeping over our own spiritual condition.

The shallow laughter of the world; the superficial laughter that laughs at the wrong things and the inability to weep at the right things.

Isaiah 53:3; Luke 19:41-42

Verse 25 God's Warning: Luke 6:25 Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

The future will hold weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What Is The Blessing Of Those Who Weep Now?

Luke 6:21 for you shall laugh.

There is a joy that God gives that the world can never tap into. The joy of heaven, eternal life!

4. Verses 22-23,26 Rejection Versus Popularity

Luke 6:22-23

**The key to all of this persecution is summed up in these words:
for the sake of the Son of Man.**

Matthew 5:10-12

**True Persecution Is Earned! Nominal Christians Are Not Hated
Because They Are Lukewarm!**

Luke 6:22 for the sake of the Son of Man. John 15:20

"Blessed are you when men hate you,

**It is evidence that we are starting to live as He lived, and that is a
compliment.**

Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 3:12

**What Is The Blessing Of Those Who Are Persecuted Now? Luke 6:23
your reward is great in heaven.**

1 Peter 4:13-14

**Verse 26 God's Warning: Luke 6:26 "Woe to you when all men
speak well of you,**

**Those who answer to no one but themselves.
They will stand before God and give an account!**

Application:

- 1.** The Beatitudes Of Jesus Make A Mockery Of This World's Values. His Beatitudes Exalt What The World Despises And Reject What The World Admires.
- 2.** Warren Wiersbe said, *"Life is built on character, and character is built on decisions. But decisions are based on values, and values must be accepted by faith."*
- 3.** The World Seeks Instant Gratification, But The Child Of God Waits For The Blessings Of Jesus Christ.