

Rediscover Jesus, 11: “Blessings and Woes”

Luke 6:20-26

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*Hope in Jesus Christ and heed his warning
for he is our King who will again be coming.*

I. “Blessed are you” (vv.20-23)

Luke 6:20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

- What does it mean to be “Jesus’ disciple” and to be “blessed”? (v.20)
 - Being a disciple means to actively follow Jesus and actively further his cause in the world.
 - Being blessed is a description of a disciple rejoicing in God in response to his favor and mercy in their lives.
- Why are Jesus’ disciples blessed?
 - 1) Because Jesus promises us better life in God’s kingdom, better than the best that this world could offer (vv.20b-21).

Luke 6:22-23 (ESV)

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

- 2) Because Jesus provides heavenly joy as our reward in trials and tribulations, especially when we are persecuted for Jesus (vv.22-23).

→ **Questions to wonder:** What do I consider as my blessings from God? Are they things of this world or of God’s kingdom? What blessing apart from Christ could possibly help me face any trial or tribulation, even persecution?

II. “Woe to you” (vv.24-26)

Luke 6:24-25 (ESV)

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

- Why are Jesus’ disciples warned?
 - 1) Because we will be tempted to somehow serve both Jesus Christ and our comfort (vv.24-25).

Luke 6:26 (ESV)

²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

- 2) Because we will be tempted to soften the severity of God’s wrath and final judgment (v.26). (See Jeremiah 14:13-16)

→ **Questions to wonder:** What comforts do I still serve as my king that I need to immediately surrender to Jesus? Do I have a full, proper understanding of God’s character? Do I tend to soften the severity of God’s wrath and judgment as I live in God’s grace and mercy?

Life Application:

- 1) Take time to evaluate reflecting on the questions above with scripture open.
- 2) Take to heart Jesus’ warnings by helping one another in discipleship and accountability relationships in our church.
- 3) Take in the amazing gospel of Jesus Christ (again and again).