

**Scripture Reading: Luke 6:20-26**

**Sermon Title: Uncommon Royalty: Woe to those**

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

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

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

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

<sup>22</sup> “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! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

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

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

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

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

Luke 6:20-26

**Jesus’ direct warnings call for **examining & reordering** our deepest loves.**

“But **woe** to you who are...”

And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was *a chief tax collector* and was *rich*...<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:2 & Luke 19:9

*As for the rich in this present age*, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

**Woes are **warnings of pending judgement & a way to express sadness** over your personal state or the state of another.**

(Hosea 7:13, Zephaniah 2:5, Habakkuk 2, Matthew 11:21, Matthew 18:7, Matthew 23, Luke 11, Revelation 8:13, Isaiah 5, Isaiah 6:5, Psalm 120:5, Jeremiah 10:19, 1 Corinthians 19:6)

**Jesus is **calling people to himself** through confronting people **with themselves**.**

“But woe to you who are rich *for you have received your consolation*.... Woe to you, when all people speak well of you”

**With Jesus, **the heart is the target**.**

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will *hate the one* and *love the other*, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. *You cannot serve God and money*.”

Matthew 6:24

No servant can serve two masters, for either he will *hate the one* and *love the other*, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. *You cannot serve God and money.*”

Luke 16:13

The Pharisees, *who were lovers of money*, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him

Luke 16:14

*“Mammon is not simply money but the anti-God impetus that finds its power in money.”*

-Andy Crouch. The life we’re looking for.

Woe to you Pharisees! For *you love the best seat* in the synagogues and *greetings* in the marketplaces.

Luke 11:43

**Mine & well done** are the highest blessing for any human.

**The essence of sin is distorted & disordered love**

*“The body by its own weight strives towards its own place. Weight makes not downward only, but to his own place. Fire tends upward, a stone downward. They are urged by their own weight, they seek their own places. Oil poured below water, is raised above the water; water poured upon oil, sinks below the oil. They are urged by their own weights to seek their own places. When out of their order, they are restless; restored to order, they are at rest. My weight, is my love by it am I borne whithersoever I am borne (My weight, is my loved. I’m carried by it wherever I am carried)*

Augustine of Hippo. Confessions.

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’<sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31

**Jesus calls everyone everywhere to love God fully, love themselves correctly, & love others sincerely.**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,<sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,<sup>19</sup> and **to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

**A growing view of & ongoing interaction with the love of God is what I need most in my life.**

**A growing view of & ongoing interaction with the love of God is what God is most eager to give.**

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

**Lies are the most powerful when they're built on a bit of truth & they address a real desire or wound.**

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God?

Galatians 1:10

**If God's approval isn't the foundation of my identity (sense of self), something lesser will be.**

"Blessed are you..."

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