

## Luke 6 Pt 2 vv 17-21

Jesus

- Jesus calls 12 Apostles

### III. Sermon on the Plain Pt 1 Blessings

17 And [Jesus] came **down with them** and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples...

- **Sermon on the Plain...**
  1. Blessings [4 Beatitudes] 8 in Mat Sermon on Mount
  2. Curses followed by 2 commands ...
  3. Love your Enemies
  4. Do not Judge. Then a Sober assessment...
  5. Tree Known by its Fruit. Finally, an exhortation...
  6. **Building our Lives on the Rock**

The Sermon is not a set of rules and regulations...it is a statement of **the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting His way with us.** [Chambers]

- Meant to rock our world/Shake what can be shaken

**17b...** and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of **Tyre and Sidon**, who came to **hear Him** and **be healed** of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits...

**Great distance: Not to trap Jesus but...**

To Hear Jesus. Receive healing from Jesus. Be delivered by Jesus

**...And they were healed.**

19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for **power went out from Him and healed them all.**

**Luke 8:46** Somebody touched Me, for I perceived **power going out from Me**

**Faith: Our Conduit to God**

**Faith causes power to go out from Him to Heal**

- **Epicenter:** People believed in Jesus/Power went out from Jesus

20 Then [Jesus] lifted up His eyes toward His **disciples...**

**Physical needs healed...Moves to Spiritual needs  
Begins to Speak...Amazed at His Words**

**John 7:46** [Even enemies would say] **"No man ever spoke like this Man!"**

[Jesus] notices no doubt with pleasure the eagerness of the crowd to hear... and this drew Him on to speak. Every man in his own trade or profession rejoices when he sees an

opportunity of exercising it. The carpenter if he sees a large tree desires to have it felled that he may employ his skill on it. And even so the preacher **when he sees a great congregation his heart rejoices...and he is glad of the occasion to teach.**

Jesus lifts His eyes and sees a new audience...  
**A people ready to learn/willing to change**

**20b... [He] said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God."**

**Beatitudes: Spiritual Progression beginning w/acknowledging our need**

- **Poor:** Those who look to others to fulfill their needs

**Happy are you who recognize their Spiritual need  
Who admit a need only Jesus can fill**

There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing but only by God the Creator made known through Jesus Christ [Pascal, Paraphrase]

- **Happy are those who confess...**
  1. I am a sinner in need of forgiveness
  2. I am incomplete/need to be made whole
  3. I am responsible for consequences my actions
  4. I am not a victim I am the victimizer
  5. I am not able to save myself. **I need to be saved.**
- **Not so the Unteachable AKA Unreachable**

**John 9:41** If you [would just admit you] were blind, you would have no sin; but now **you say, 'We see.'** Therefore, **your sin remains.**

- Jesus condemns **self-reliance**

**Revelation 3:17** [You say] 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' [**I say**] ...you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...

**Mark 2:17** ... Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**, to repentance.

**Romans 3:23** [Problem?] **...all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God

- **Good News** All have the opportunity **to be** justified freely by His grace
- **Bad News** Only those confess need **can be** justified freely by His grace

The *Kingdom of God* belongs to those who admit the *Kingdom of self* is not working  
**Those who willingly bow down/Crown Jesus their King**

- **Beginning of New Life:** Admit you are a sinner in desperate need of a Savior

Everyone can start here; it isn't first blessed are the pure or the holy or the spiritual or the wonderful. Everyone can be poor in spirit. "Not what I have, but what I have not, is the first point of contact, between my soul and God." [Spurgeon]

Poverty of spirit is an absolute prerequisite for receiving the kingdom, because as long as we keep illusions about our own spiritual resources we will never receive from God what we absolutely need. [Guzik]

**Blessed are you poor...For yours is the kingdom of God**

Desperate need to exit our cursed kingdom/Enter God's blessed Kingdom

...This blessing to the poor is placed first for a reason, because it puts the following commands into perspective. They cannot be fulfilled in our own strength, but only by a beggar's reliance on God's power. [Guzik]

**Yours is the Kingdom?** Confession/Coronation of the New King in our hearts is **just the beginning**  
**More to come at Jesus return...**

**21 Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled.**

We begin our journey by recognizing our spiritual poverty and realizing only Jesus can make us whole. We are then given access to the Kingdom by the King Himself. Now citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, we live out our days on this earth hungering for more, i.e., **more of the King...more His sovereign rule in our lives and on this earth.** [NJC]

- **What are God's people hungry for?**
  1. Curse to be reversed
  2. Things to be made right
  3. Broken to become fixed
  4. Lies to stop/Foolishness to cease
  5. Truth to reign
  6. Righteousness the standard
  7. Justice to prevail

**We Hunger for Jesus to Reign!**

- **Blessed are the Hungry?** Not satisfied w/anything world has to offer
- **What Kingdom do we belong to?** Whichever Kingdom we seek satisfaction from

**1 John 1:15 Do not love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.**

- **We hunger** for the attributes of our King

**Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger/thirst for righteousness...they shall be filled.**

**When will those who now hunger be satisfied?**  
**A. Soon and very Soon**

- **Power will once again go out from Jesus...**

**Revelation 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called **Faithful and True**, and in **righteousness** He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God**. **14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white

and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

## **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

**We will Rule and Reign w/Jesus for 1000 years** [Rev 20:4]  
**His Kingdom will be marked by Truth/Justice/Righteousness**

- **Regeneration:** Way it was always supposed to be before sin

For 45 days [Dan 12:11] after His return to the Mt of Olive, Jesus will rearrange the world and perfectly recalibrate the scales of justice. The arrogant woke and wicked will be removed, their mouths shut forever. The devil will be chained. AC and FP will be the first residents of hell never to deceive again. Jesus will institute a paradigm shift of the greatest magnitude imaginable on this earth. He end the false narratives of relative truth/evolutionary theory never to be debated again. Why 45 days? Maybe He wants to savor the change? [NJC]

**John 6:35** [Now] I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall **never hunger**, and he who believes in Me shall **never thirst**.

**Psalms 16:11** [Forever] In Your presence is **fullness of joy**; At Your right hand are pleasures **forevermore**.

**Psalms 107:9** For He satisfies the **longing soul**, And fills the **hungry soul** with goodness.

Blessed are those who hunger for more of God now...  
We will be filled now/forever more than we can dream

- **We still live in current paradigm:** Curse of Gen 3 caused by sin
  1. Death
  2. Sorrow
  3. Crying
  4. Pain

What is the correct response of a thinking person to what is going on in the world today? From AI surveillance to the trans child mutilation agenda to the attack on education [forcing equity of outcome rather than encouraging equity of opportunity based on merit] to the politically engineered race war to cancel culture's cannibalizing of itself to the climate change hoax power grab, not to mention watching stupid people w/nukes run the world...**the appropriate response is to cry.** [NJC]

**Ezekiel 9:4b** [God to Zeke] Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.**

- **Smile?**

**2 Peter 2:7** [God] delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)—

- **Response of fools** to laugh at the current state of the world...

**Ecclesiastes 7:6** For like the crackling of thorns under a pot, So is the **laughter of the fool.** This also is vanity.

**21b...Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.**

Jesus seems to promise that if we are really following Him, we will be **totally happy** and **often in trouble**...two things that seem to contradict one another. [Guzik]

- **Jesus:** Man of Sorrow/Joy at the same time

**Luke 10:21** ...Jesus **rejoiced in the Spirit...**

**Isaiah 53:3** A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

- **Joy:** Fruit of the Spirit produced by abiding in Christ **anytime/anywhere**

**Blessed are you who weep now?**  
**Q. Can anything good come from weeping? A. Change**

**Ecclesiastes 7:2** Better to go to the **house of mourning** Than to go to the house of feasting, For that is the end of all men; And the **living will take it to heart ...4** The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, But the **heart of fools is in the house of mirth.**

- **Weeping:** Time for sober assessment/change/recalibration

**Hebrews 12:2** [Example] ... **who for the joy that was set before Him** endured the cross

Jesus endured more than any man. How? During the worst of the pain, He thought about the day He and His brothers/sisters would laugh together forever never to weep again. He Himself will wipe away our very last tear of pain but not our last tear...**for we shall laugh.** [NJC]

**Revelation 21:3** [Eternal State] And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will **wipe away every tear from their eyes**; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are **true and faithful.**"

Blessed are those who know their need... those who hunger and weep now  
The Kingdom is yours. You will be filled. You will laugh. When?

**Soon and very Soon we are going to see our King**