

The Kingdom Paradox

Luke 6:20-26

Isaiah 5:20-21 ESV

“²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!”

Luke 6:20

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

1.Blessed are the poor VS woe to the rich.

Luke 6:20, 24 ESV

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

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

Psalm 34:18

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Luke 18:24-27 ESV

“²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

2. Blessed are the hungry VS Woe to those who are well fed

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

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

3. Blessed are those who weep vs woe to those who laugh now

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

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

4. Blessed are the persecuted vs Woe when everyone speaks well of you

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.

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

John 15:18-21 ESV

“18 “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.”

Romans 12:2

“Do not be conformed to this world,[c] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.[d]”

: What Kind of People Are We to Be NOW?

- People who live with eternity in view, not temporary comfort.
- People who reflect God's heart for the poor, broken, and rejected.
- People who embrace suffering for Christ and find joy in Him.
- People who challenge the status quo by living out the values of the Kingdom.
- People who DESIRE to be in The King's presence, above all else.