

## The Gospel According To LUKE

### Chapter 6

## “Building Your House Upon the Rock!”

### D LEGALISM IS BROKEN! (v1-11)

(v1-5) **The Sabbath-** Sabbath means “rest” and is linked with God’s cessation of work after the six days of Creation (Gen. 2:2-3). This was done as an example for mankind and later as a commandment for the nation of Israel in Exodus 20:8-11. The Sabbath and its legalities grew into an institution of do’s and don’ts, up to one hundred laws had been added to the Sabbath by legalistic Scribes and Pharisees. This had become a huge burden to the Jewish people, which Jesus came to remove. Today’s issues with keeping the Sabbath are addressed in Romans Ch. 14 – 15:13; also in Galatians 4:1-11 and Colossians 2:8-17. We are not saved in Christ plus keeping the Sabbath, but we are saved in Christ alone! The early church met on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).

> **Three Lessons:** (1) Jesus gives understanding to Sabbath obligations, *human need* over-rides man’s religious legalities. God gave the law to help people not hurt them. (2) Jesus calls Himself the “Son of Man” which is based on the *Messianic* passage of Daniel 7:13; this term is used by our Lord some eighty times in reference to Himself. *Son of Man* is also a name indicating that in Him is fulfilled the Old Testament fore view of blessing through a coming Man (Gen. 3:15; 12:3; Psalm 8:4; 80:17; Isa. 7:14; 9:6,7; 32:2). (3) Jesus proclaims *deity* by saying He is “Lord of the Sabbath.” God established the Sabbath in creation, thus Jesus is declaring that He is God incarnate. (v6-11) *“Is it lawful to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?”*— Join hands with God do good and save lives. Jude 20-23 gives us insight on how we can follow Jesus’ example, *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire* (stretch forth your heart and your hands), *hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.*

### ID) THE TWELVE ARE CHOSEN! (v12-16)

- Once again we see the prayer life of Jesus, He prayed to God throughout the night. He called His disciples (learners). Then chose His apostles (one sent with a special message or commission). **What kind of people does God choose?** **Let’s read 1 Cor 1:26-31-** *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”*

### IID) JESUS HAS SPOKEN! (v17-38)

(v20-26) Teachings of contrast (*Blessed* means “Happy”—*Woe* means “Grief”)

#### Faith in God

(v20) Blessed are you poor

(v21) Blessed are you who hunger

(v21) Blessed are you who weep now

(v22) Blessed are you who are persecuted (v26) Woe to you when all men speak well of you

(v27-38) Love—Do good—Bless & Pray for our enemies. Paul the apostle writes in Rom 12:18-21 - *If it is*

*possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.* (Some examples: Stephen- Acts 7:51-60; Acts 16:16-40)

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#### Faith in Self

(v24) Woe to you who are rich

(v25) Woe to you who are full

(v25) Woe to you who laugh

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### IV) PARABLES TO BEHOLDEN! (v39-49)

(v39-45) A critical eye comes from a critical heart, which produces a critical mouth. (Be a compliment not a critic.)

(v46-49) We listen to Jesus. We live upon Jesus (He is the rock of our salvation).

Paul encourages us in 1 Cor 3:9-16- *For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*