

Insights from Luke

#16: The Way of Life for the Redeemed
when Contrasted with the Lost

Luke 6:17-26

Errancy (not Inerrancy)

“The Sermon on the Level”

Luke 6:20

“²⁰ And turning His gaze toward His disciples, He began to say, ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.’”

We must take good heed that we do not misunderstand our Lord's meaning, when we read these expressions. We must not for a moment suppose that the mere fact of being poor, and hungry, and sorrowful, and hated by man, will entitle any one to lay claim to an interest in Christ's blessing. The poverty here spoken of, is a poverty accompanied by grace. The want is a want entailed by faithful adherence to Jesus. The afflictions are the afflictions of the Gospel. The persecution is persecution for the Son of Man's sake.

Luke 6:21

“²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.”

Psalm 13:1

“¹ How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?
How long will You hide Your face from me?”

Psalm 42:1-2

“¹ As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So my soul pants for You, O God.
² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God;
When shall I come and appear before God?”

Luke 6:22-23

“²² Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. ²³ Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.”

Suffering, then, is the badge of true discipleship. The disciple is not above his master ... that is why Luther reckoned suffering among the marks of the true church, and one of the memoranda drawn up in preparation for the Augsburg Confession similarly defines the church as the community of those “who are persecuted and martyred for the Gospel’s sake.” ... Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer. In fact, it is a joy and a token of His grace.

hate

ostracize

insult

scorn or spurn

Luke 6:24-26

“²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.”



I Timothy 3:7

“⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”

Luke 6:26

“²⁶ Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.”

**The more we acknowledge our
spiritual poverty, spiritual hunger,
and our sadness over the delay of
God's visible kingdom coming to
Earth, the more we will find
comfort, filling and encouragement
in the Lord.**

**The spiritually complacent do
not have much of an appetite
for God and they may be
sitting in the pews!**

**The people's desire from
within the church is
often to only have their
ears tickled.**

**The kingdom of God
belongs to the spiritually
impoverished.**