

**“Poor, Hungry, Weeping, & Hated:  
How Much More Can One Be Blessed?”**

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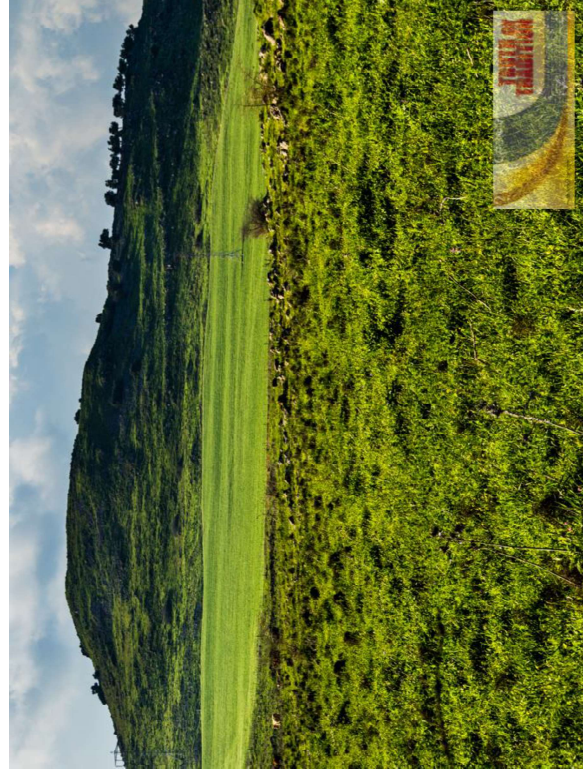
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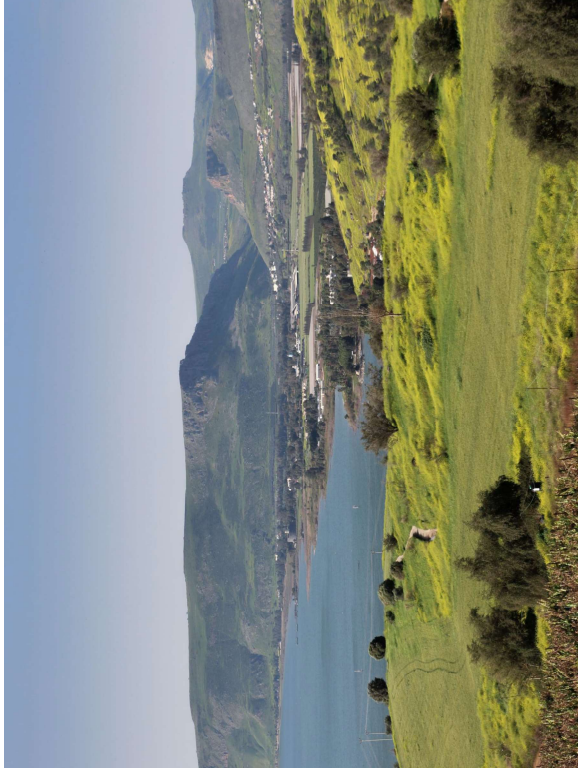
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• Luke will give us some historical info but he will always bring us back to Jesus’ message and miracles.

• 1<sup>st</sup> they come to hear, and 2<sup>nd</sup> to be healed.

• Miracles will pass, but the Word will endure forever.

### Isa 40:8

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

• Every disease was being healed and every demon possession was being cured.

• This will be life in the future kingdom.

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- What a sight – people crowding, reaching, grabbing, pushing, shoving, doing anything to get close enough to touch Jesus.
- They knew the power residing in His body.

## Mark 5:30

30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"

- This enabled a maximum number of people to be healed which in turn pointed to Him being the Messiah.
- All were being healed.

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- Sermon: Luke has 29 verses. Matt. has 111.
  - Jesus addresses this to His disciples, those following Him to learn.
  - What Jesus is going to teach is counter the culture, counter the world, and counter the fallen mind of men – you are blessed if you are poor, hungry, sorrowful, hated, and rejected. It is the opposite of the way the world thinks. Believers have a completely different source of joy and happiness than the world.
  - The first blessing is seeing your "spiritual bankruptcy.
  - "Blessed" – μακάριοις – one who is in a favored position, joy, happiness that comes from the favor of God.
  - "poor" - Nowhere in the Bible do we read that being poor means you are saved or makes you spiritual and therefore is a guarantee that the Kingdom of God belongs to you.
- John 3:3**  
3 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- Matt 5:3**  
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, who are the poor?"

**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.**

- The spiritually poor therefore have nothing to offer God for their salvation. They are empty.
- Totally unlike the Pharisees, scribes, Sadducees, Sanhedrin, Essenes, Zealots, religious Israel.
- You have to be empty before you can be filled.

## Isa 61:1

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
Because the Lord has anointed me  
To bring good news to the afflicted;  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to captives  
And freedom to prisoners;

**Who are the "poor" in Luke 6:20?**

"Men & women who are supremely conscious of their own spiritual poverty; of their own unworthiness; who are mastered by a great humility!"

- G. Campbell Morgan



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- So the first blessing is seeing your spiritual bankruptcy.
- The second blessing is an intense desire for the righteousness of God.

#### Matt 5:6

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

#### Ps 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;

21 **"Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.**

- The third blessing is being able to laugh in the future for the sorrow you experience today.

Why you weep and why you laugh are important . . .

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#### Ps 63:1

1 God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly;  
My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,

- You hunger when all of your being desires to live a righteous life, one that is pleasing to God.

**What does God do for a hungry heart?**

#### Ps 107:8-9

- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for His lovingkindness,  
And for His wonders to the sons of men!
- 9 For He has satisfied the thirsty soul,  
And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

"If you want to know someone's character, find out what makes him laugh & what makes him weep!" What we laugh at & what we weep over indicates our values in life . . ."

- Brian Bell

**21 "Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.**

**"weeping"** - mourning.

**Matt 5:4**

4 "Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

**Jer 31:13**

13 For I will turn their mourning into joy

And will comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow.

**Ps 32:1-2**

1 How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

Whose sin is covered!

2 How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity,

• The sorrow we as believers experience today, God will change into joyous laughter in the future.

• Sorrow is only temporary.

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• A fourth blessing is the reward that will come from persecution.

**John 15:18-20**

18 "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you;

**Phil 1:29**

29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

**6 reasons why are we blessed when we are persecuted:**

1. Because it is an honor and privilege to suffer for Christ.

2. Because it shows we are living for Christ.

3. Because when we suffer with Christ, we experience close fellowship with Him.

4. Because it gives us some of the greatest opportunities to witness for Christ.

5. Because it gives us the opportunity to grow in our spiritual lives for Christ.

6. Because we will be greatly rewarded by Christ in heaven someday.

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**"when"** – whenever this occurs. Not necessarily continually. Its **"when"**, not **"that"**.

**4 ways persecution can be expressed:**

1. **"hate"** - to disdain.

2. **"ostracize"** – to exclude.

3. **"insult"** – make fun of, tear down.

4. **"scorn"** – have contempt for, disrespect, to bring down, to pronounce as worthless.

**"for the sake of the Son of Man."**

**Acts 5:41**

41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

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- Your gladness and joy comes from an eternal perspective.

**Rom 8:18**

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

**2 Cor 4:16-18**

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

**1 Peter 1:6,7**

6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

- **Note: Your reward will be in heaven, not here on earth.**

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- "Oh, and by the way, you're in good company. Look at the prophets."

**Matt 23:37**

37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!

**Heb 11:32-38**

32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;

36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated

38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward."

**Heb 11:24-27**

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."

**2 Tim 4:7-8**

Moses and Paul both lived a blessed life.