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THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!

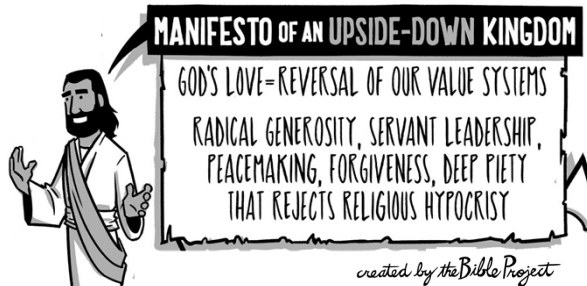


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(6:39-49)

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Luke 6:17-19

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THE SETTING

- A large crowd from as far away as Sidon (50 miles North) and Jerusalem (85 miles South)
- All who touched Jesus were healed by the power flowing out from Him.

Jesus had a captivated audience, eager to hear what He had to say.

Blessings: The Beatitudes

Luke 6:20-23

What word jumps off the page at you when you read this passage?

²⁰ Then looking up at his disciples, he said: Blessed are you who are poor, because the kingdom of God is yours. ²¹ Blessed are you who are now hungry, because you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you, insult you, and slander your name as evil because of the Son of Man. ²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy. Take note — your reward is great in heaven, for this is the way their ancestors used to treat the prophets.

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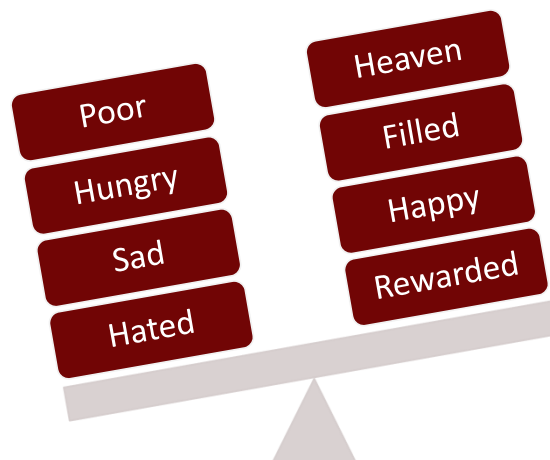
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Promise to Disciples

- They were already citizens of the Kingdom.
- His disciples had already given up everything to follow Him.
- Jesus contrasted their present state with their future.

Present

Future



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Two Sermons or One?

Characteristic	Sermon on the Mount	Sermon on the Plain
Scripture Passage	Matthew 5:1-12	Luke 6:20-49
Location	On the mountain	On a plain at the foot of the mountain
Timing	Before choosing the Apostles	After choosing the Apostles
Focal Theme	Eight (8) character traits essential to happiness and influence for citizens of God's Kingdom.	Four (4) social situations that illustrate the hope of God's transformation and blessing to all who come to receive it.
Warnings (Woes)		Four (4) social situations that illustrate the consequences of rejecting God's transformational offer.

We don't know for sure, but Luke's purpose for including the sermon seems to be very specific, as shown by the next passage.

Warnings: Self-Reliance

Luke 6:24-26

What word stands out to you in this passage?

²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are now full, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are now laughing, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when all people speak well of you, for this is the way their ancestors used to treat the false prophets.

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What does "woe" mean in this context?

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Woe ("ouai") is an exclamation of pain or pity for the misfortune that awaits someone.

Warning: Self-Reliance

- Remember, Jesus is speaking primarily to His disciples.
- One of His main points is "do not live as those on the outside live."
- Your values are not to be their values, which bring woe.

Present

Rich
Satisfied
Happy
Loved

Future

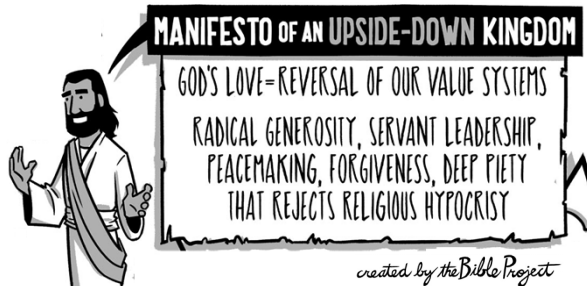
Poor
Hungry
Sad
Hated





DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- God's blessing is on those who come to him to receive what He generously offers, and that blessing knows no socio-economic limitation.
- The beatitudes declare God's promised acceptance of His disciples for choosing to follow Jesus.
- God's call in the sermon is to be responsive to Him, to trust his care, and to rest in his promise instead of relying on ourselves.
- Everyone here today falls into one of the two camps; the question is, which one?



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Part 2: Love & Judgment
and Righteous Response

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