

## JESUS' SERMON: BEATITUDES & WOES

Luke 6:20–26

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

### MAIN POINT

The blessings of the kingdom of God pertain to those who look for it with the eyes of faith; the woes pronounced by Jesus are upon those who cling to this world as their only hope. Future blessings come with present eyes of faith. Pursuing present pleasures will yield future woes.

### I. The Beatitudes (6:20–23)

- A. The beatitudes (blessings) are for those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and endure present suffering with the eyes of faith that see the blessings of the future.
- B. The blessings
  1. Present Condition
    - a) The Poor
    - b) The Hungry
    - c) The Sorrowing
    - d) The Reviled
  2. Future Blessing
    - a) Possess the Kingdom of God
    - b) Satisfied
    - c) Joyful
    - d) Rewarded

## II. The Woes (6:24–26)

- A. The woes (judgment) are upon those who reject the gospel, who although they experience present comforts will in the future experience the results of their spiritual poverty.
- B. The Judgments
  - 1. Present Condition
    - a) Rich
    - b) Filled
    - c) Merry
    - d) Praised
  - 2. Future Woes
    - a) Temporary
    - b) Hunger
    - c) Mourn & Weep
    - d) Judged