

Luke 6:20-26 **Blessings and Woes**

Blessings

20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.

22 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.

23 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.

Woes

24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

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Facts Revealed:

Blessings

✚ According to Catholic tradition, the Sermon on the Mount was delivered on the slopes North-West of the town of Capernaum.

✚ The Beatitudes express a Blessing from God in respect to various aspects of a Christian's life that might otherwise be viewed as trials, tribulations, and weaknesses.

✚ Blessed are the ones who are Spiritual though Poor in worldly goods. [[Matthew 5:3](#), [Luke 6:20](#)]

✧ Their reward makes all the poverty of earth pale into insignificance because they will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven (Kingdom of God).

✧ The poor who have a heart for God are important to God and a major focus for whom Jesus came to preach the Good News of Salvation. [[Matthew 11:5](#), [12:42-44](#), [Luke 4:18](#), [7:22](#), [21:2-4](#), [James 2:5](#)]

✚ Blessed are those who mourn and weep. [[Matthew 5:4](#), [Luke 6:21](#)]

✧ For they shall be comforted and laugh.

✧ Even those who have lost loved ones are comforted by words of encouragement we find in the promised future reward of a new and glorified body. [[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#), [1 Corinthians 15:51-54](#)]

✚ Blessed are the meek. [[Matthew 5:5](#)]

✧ People often today count meekness as weakness, but in the Bible it has a totally different perception. An excellent example of a powerful man being meek or humble is found in Moses [[Numbers 12:3](#)], a quality highly prized by God Himself. [[2 Samuel 22:28](#), [2 Chronicles 2:14](#), [Psalm 18:20](#), [Matthew 5:5](#), [18:4](#), [23:12](#)]

✧ The reward for the meek is that they shall inherit the Earth.

✧ This will be fulfilled in the time of the Kingdom of God on earth.

✚ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. [[Matthew 5:6](#), [Luke 6:21](#)]

✧ Righteousness is a prize worth devoting our lives to acquire, Diligent search for Righteousness has its reward; For they shall be filled. [[Matthew 5:6](#)]

✧ Righteousness is the characteristic of the Kingdom of Heaven when Christ will reign over the entire Earth in Righteousness. [[Hebrews 1:8-12](#), [Isaiah 1:26-27](#), [5:16](#), [11:1-5](#), [16:5](#), [32:15-20](#), [33:5-6](#), [13-24](#), [42:1-21](#), [51:4-8](#), [54:1-17](#), [61:10-11](#), [Jeremiah 23:5-6](#)]

- ✚ Blessed are the merciful. [Matthew 5:7]
 - ✧ What does the Lord require of you? But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God. [Micah 6:8]
 - ✧ The reward of the Merciful is that they shall obtain mercy. [Matthew 5:7, Romans 11:22, 32]
- ✚ Blessed are the pure in heart. [Matthew 5:8]
 - ✧ Purity starts in the heart and is the goal for the Saint of God. [Titus 1:15, Philippians 2:14-15, 1 Timothy 1:1, James 3:17]
 - ✧ The reward of purity is that they shall see God. [Matthew 5:8]
 - ✧ It will be a great blessing in the Kingdom of Heaven for we will be able to come directly to the Throne of Christ and there we will see God with our own eyes. [Isaiah 33:17, Job 19:25-26]
- ✚ Blessed are the peacemakers. [Matthew 5:9]
 - ✧ For they shall be called sons of God. [Matthew 5:9]
 - ✧ God has called us to live in peace. [1 Corinthians 7:15]
 - ✧ The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. [Romans 8:6]
 - ✧ Peace is the goal of the Saint. [Romans 12:18, 14:19, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 4:3, Colossians 3:15, 1 Timothy 1:1-2, Titus 3:1-2, Hebrews 12:14, James 3:17-18]
- ✚ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. [Matthew 5:10]
 - ✧ For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [Matthew 5:10]
 - ✧ The key for blessing under persecution is when the persecution comes for the sake of your righteousness in living for Christ.
 - ✧ Righteousness is the characteristic of the Kingdom of Heaven when Christ will reign over the entire Earth in Righteousness. [Hebrews 1:8-12, Isaiah 1:26-27, 5:16, 11:1-5, 16:5, 32:15-20, 33:5-6, 13-24, 42:1-21, 51:4-8, 54:1-17, 61:10-11, Jeremiah 23:5-6]
- ✚ Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you **falsely for My sake.** [Matthew 5:11, Luke 6:22-23]
 - ✧ Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. [Matthew 5:12, Luke 6:23]
 - ✧ The **blessing** for being persecuted and slandered, is only for those who are so accused falsely and because of their stand for the sake of Christ Jesus in a world of wickedness. Peter said it is not for doing evil. [1 Peter 4:12-19]

Woes

- ✚ Woe to you who are rich, [Luke 6:24]
 - ✧ For you have received your consolation. [Luke 6:24]
- ✚ Woe to you who are full, [Luke 6:25]
 - ✧ For you shall hunger. [Luke 6:25]
- ✚ Woe to you who laugh now, [Luke 6:25]
 - ✧ For you shall mourn and weep. [Luke 6:25]
- ✚ Woe to you when all men speak well of you, [Luke 6:26]
 - ✧ For so did their fathers to the false prophets. [Luke 6:26]