



friendship
community church

Blessed Sermon

Luke 6:24-26

Week of June 9-15, 2019

#faithful – we have talking about this for weeks. Review as needed.

#blessed – review the difference between #bless-ed and #blessed

#woe – this week we talk about woe

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

Luke 6:24-26 ESV

Jesus says “woe” which can be taken in at least in two ways -

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1. Somewhat of a curse
2. Somewhat of a warning - get ready to change direction

In this passage, Jesus means it the second way. He is warning those who are listening.

Remember that Jesus is speaking to a large crowd.

Compare and a contrast from the “blesseds” that are mentioned in the few verses before.

He is speaking to a diverse crowd of those who believe in Christ, other religious leaders who are following other truths, mockers, and those who are just curious.

The “blessed” are for those who are in need and hurting. They hear Jesus for the truth that He is speaking and they are relying not on their own strength.

The woes are for the rest of the crowd. Those who feel like maybe they have this “whole thing” covered on their own.

Woe to the rich who don't work for God - v. 24

- Those who had wealth and power and were not using it for God. Some were in opposition to His cause.
- The kingdom of a God is not based upon stuff. If you choose to use wealth outside of the use for godly things, Jesus says you have all the benefit of that wealth and power here and now. Your reward is just now.

Woe to the satisfied who don't hunger for God - v. 25

- When we are satisfied with only our earthly stuff, then we don't have to fool with other's needs. Only focused on ourselves. We revel in the fact that we do not have need for anyone else. It is selfish. We become complacent.
- This is one reason fasting seems so odd to many. Why would I deprive myself and have to rely on someone else for fulfillment.

Woe to the fool who ignores the gravity of God - v. 25

- This is someone who is full of “happy and joy” in ways that are not real. They are faking it and trying to find fulfillment in things.
- Jesus wept. John 11:35 - He grieved with and for those who hurt.
- Understanding of the brutality and evil of sin. Laughing off the effects of sin. Understanding that our sin costs Christ His life which He sacrificed to allow the way for us to be back in right relationship with God.

Woe to the popular who contradict God. - v. 26

- The people pleasers who are willing to do whatever other than tell the truth. Are you choosing to not address the truth so that you can be “popular” and liked?
- False teachers were rampant.
- People who misrepresent for the sake of gaining status.
- Popularity based upon contradicting God is not going to work well in the long term.

Michael used this illustration of the brake and gas pedals.

BLESSED- gas pedal - press on

WOE - brake pedal - tap or stomp the brake.

How do you need to Encourage the humble and discourage the proud? Which are you more like? The humble or the proud?

How can you avoid woe?

- If you are rich or powerful in any measure, spend it for God’s glory.
- If you are satisfied, hunger for more of God. Try a fast.
- If you are silly, be serious about God’s mission.
- If you are well-liked, take a stand for God’s truth.

If you need to confess and repent, then do that now. Stand for God’s truth in a gracious way.

Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.