

# **Blessings And Woes**

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Luke 6:20–26 (ESV)

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:  
“Blessed are you ..., but woe to you ...!”

**“Blessed” refers to the distinctive religious joy, which accrues to man from his share in the salvation of the Kingdom of God! Blessed is always directly connection to our relationship with God.**

**Blessed are the poor, but Woe are the rich!**

- Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- But, woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

**Being physically poor is not a blessing and does not mean you will participate in the kingdom of God! Only those who trust Christ as Savior are blessed and will participate in the kingdom. Therefore "poor" means “poor in spirit” or those utterly dependent on Christ. The point is utter dependence not an inventory of possessions.**

Matthew 5:3 (ESV)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**This means the poor are not those in physical need but those in spiritual need and seek God that leads to eternal life.**

John 6:27 (ESV)

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.

**Therefore the rich are those who are self sufficient in this life without any spiritual need. Woe (horror) is in store for these people because they will not participate in the kingdom of God; HIS salvation.**

**Blessed are the Hungry, but Woe are the full!**

- Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
- Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

**All the physically hungry "will not" be satisfied! Only those who trust Christ as Savior will be spiritually satisfied. Therefore the "Hungry" are those hungering after spiritual food. **These are whose heart desire is for God.****

Matthew 5:6 (ESV)

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

Psalms 63:1 (ESV)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Therefore, "the full" are those who are full of with the things of this world and do not have any spiritual hunger. Woe to them for all eternity.**

**Blessed who weep, but Woe to you who laugh!**

- Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.
- Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

**Those who "weep" are those who not only carry the burden of personal grief of these evil times but also the grief of a hurting society.**

Romans 9:2–3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

**The shallow merriment in this lost world will give way to the Woe (horror) of weeping all eternity.**

**Blessed are you when people hate you, but Woe when all people speak well of you!**

- Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, **on account of the Son of Man!** Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, **your reward is great in heaven.**
- Woe to you, when all people speak well of you.

**This is not people who just disagree. These people hate you and want to do you harm. Your very belief as a Christian is an offense to them. When those who hate Christ hate you, God's blessing is on you.**

1 Peter 4:14 (ESV)

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

**Woe when all people Speak well of you because Jesus came to bring division from those who deny Christ. Therefore when the world hates us we are in good company.**

John 15:18 (ESV)

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

**The blessings and woes are based on our heart attitude about Christ, nothing else!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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