

Luke 6:17-36 Blessings, Woes and Love

In the previous Chapter, after Yeshua had spent the night in prayer to YeHoVaH, Yeshua selected 12 men from the many disciples who followed Him. He designated the 12 as Apostles.

A great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. Many who were troubled by evil spirits were cured. Then, Yeshua began to teach the people.

Yeshua begins His teaching on being blessed in the Kingdom as distinguished from the world and then He transitions to woes and teaches on love for our enemies.

Lk 6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

Plain – 3977 **πεδινός** pedinos {ped-ee-nos'}

Meaning: 1) level, plain

Usage: AV - plain + 5117 1; 1

Yeshua's Sermon on the Plain is not as well-known as His Sermon on the Mount. Although similar words and phrases are used, it is slightly different.

Healing, deliverance, and instructions on life and living were trademarks of Yeshua's Ministry. Yeshua taught His Disciples what was to be expected from the people around them who refused to follow Him.

Yeshua did not come to build on Judaism, or to establish Synagogues. He taught His Disciples and equipped them for Ministry so that the True Gospel of the Kingdom could continue to go forth after He was no longer with them in the flesh.

Lk 6:18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Lk 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.

The people had faith and sought to touch Him to be healed.

Yeshua did not come to establish a healing ministry or a deliverance ministry, but a Discipleship Model of Ministry, empowering others to do what He did.

Yeshua informs His Disciples upfront that initially things may not look and feel good because they would be going against the grain of the religion of those around them, but they would begin to see the blessings and advantages of following Him, and in the end, they would be on the winning side.

Yeshua declares the promised blessings for those who choose the way of life He came to teach.

Lk 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *be ye* poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God was established for those who fear Him and keep His Commandments. You bring nothing into it, but you gain it all!

Yeshua taught in Matthew:

Mt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Lk 6:21 Blessed *are ye* that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are ye* that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Yeshua's Ministry was a Ministry of fulfillments of what the Prophets had written.

YeHoVaH spoke to Isaiah:

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Isa 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

And in Isaiah 61:

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Lk 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Isa 51:7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart *is* my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

Isa 51:8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

The true Prophets were reviled and persecuted for standing on the truth of YeHoVaH's Word and calling people to repentance and to return to Him.

Lk 6:23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

The Woes – **3759** **וואי** ouai {oo-ah'-ee}

Meaning: 1) alas, woe

Origin: a primary exclamation of grief;; interj

Usage: AV - woe 41, alas 6; 47

Lk 6:24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

“Those who put their faith in their wealth”

James picks up this theme in his writing.

Jas 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*.

Jas 5:2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

Jas 5:3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

Jas 5:4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

Jas 5:5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

Jas 5:6 Ye have condemned *and* killed the just; *and* he doth not resist you.

Lk 6:25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

The false prophets were spoken well of.

Lk 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Yeshua's teachings go against the fallen human nature.

Love your enemies; do good to them that hate you.

Don't treat people bad who treat you bad.

Lk 6:27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

It seems easier to hate those who hate you.

Lk 6:28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

Lk 6:29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not *to take thy* coat also.

Lk 6:30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again.

Lk 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Lk 6:32 For if ye love them which love you, what **thank** have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

Thank – 5485 χάρις charis {khar'-ece}

Meaning: 1) grace 1a) that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech 2) good will, loving-kindness, favour 2a) of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Messiah, keeps, strengthens, increases them in the faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the kingdom virtues 3) what is due to grace 3a) the spiritual condition of one governed by the power of divine grace 3b) the token or proof of grace, benefit 3b1) a gift of grace 3b2) benefit, bounty 4) thanks, (for benefits, services, favours), recompense, reward

Usage: AV - grace 130, favour 6, thanks 4, thank 4, thank + 2192 3, pleasure 2, misc 7; 156

It is easy to treat people well who treat you well, to love people who love you.

Yeshua is teaching a total reliance on YeHoVaH's Word.

Lk 6:33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what **thank** have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

Lk 6:34 And if ye lend *to them* of whom ye hope to receive, what **thank** have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

The true test of love is displayed in how you treat your enemies.

Lk 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and *to the evil*.

Lk 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

James wrote:

Jas 2:13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shown no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.