## Luke 6:20-36

## Review...

- THE GOSPEL OF LUKE...
  - o The focus of Luke is on the humanity of Jesus showing Him as the perfect flawless man...
  - o Key Verse Luke 19:10 "The Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost."
- Luke 1:5 3:28 The birth and early years of Jesus / John the Baptist ~ Baptism of Jesus...
- Luke 4:1-44 Temptation of Jesus / Jesus returns to Nazareth Capernaum...
- Luke 5:1-39 Challenge of the Religious leaders...
- LUKE 6:1-19 THE SABBATH DAY...
  - o Breaking the Sabbath the disciples were hungry and grabbed some grain on the Sabbath...
    - They broke 'tradition' Jesus told the leaders He was 'the Lord of the Sabbath'...
    - On another Sabbath Jesus healed a man with a withered hand...
    - Showing them love and compassions were more important than their rules!
  - o Choosing the 12 Apostles...
    - Jesus spent all night in prayer came down and choose the 12...
    - Called them Apostles because they were to be sent out to share the Good News!

## THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT...

- THE BEATITUDES...
  - o Jesus lifted up his eyes toward His disciples...
    - The Sermon on the Mount is the longest teaching by Jesus recorded in the Bible...
    - It was given on the hillside just north of the city of Capernaum (on the mount)...
    - Luke records the teaching in **Luke 6** Matthew in 3 chapters **Matthew 5-7**...
    - Though the crowds gathered the Sermon on the Mount is directed to Jesus' disciples...
    - This is not written to just anyone it is addressed to those who want to follow Jesus...
  - o The Beatitudes 'Oh how happy'...
    - Luke gives 4 'beatitudes' descriptions of the blessed 'happy' man / and 4 'woes'...
    - Matthew 5:1-12 records 8 beatitudes / but none of the woes...
    - Everyone wants to be happy Jesus here describes to us the Happy life...
    - The 'blessed man' is the one who knows he is for sure going to heaven...
    - The beatitudes don't tell us how to be blessed only what the blessed life looks like...
    - They key to 'how' to have a blessed life Jesus gives towards the end of the teaching...
- The 4 beatitudes... vs. 20-23
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Blessed are the Poor (in Spirit) for yours is the Kingdom of God...
    - Perhaps speaking of physical poverty no food / no money...
      - It can be hard for us to imagine poverty being a blessing...
      - But when we have nothing we are constantly looking to the Lord to provide!
      - You are not limited to they money in your pocket or perhaps in the bank...
      - Instead you have access to all the wealth of your Father in Heaven His Kingdom!
    - More likely speaking of spiritual poverty...
      - We are happy when we realize that we are poor in Spirit no good sinners...

- The only thing that will keep us from the Kingdom of Heaven is 'our righteousness'...
- It is when we realize how poor we are we long for and cling to Jesus righteousness!
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Blessed are you who hunger for you will be filled... vs. 20
  - If we do not eat for a day we get REALLY hungry we NEED to eat...
  - We know what it means to be hungry but do we have that need for God...
  - Do we seek after the righteousness of God with the same passion as food...
  - When we hunger and thirst after God's righteousness He will fill us!
  - **John 6:32** "My Father gives you the true bread from heaven."
- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Blessed are you who cry for you will laugh...
  - When we are saddened weep over the lost state of the world around us...
  - Luke 19:41- "Now as [Jesus] drew near, He saw the city and wept over it."
  - We will be driven by our burden for lost family / friends / loved ones to share Jesus...
  - And when they also come to know Jesus as their savior there will be laughter!
- o 4th Blessed are you when men hate you for Jesus' sake... vs. 22
  - When they exclude you when they make your name and mocking word...
  - A disciple isn't greater than the teacher / the servant than the master Matthew 10:24
    - Since the world hates Jesus how much more those who follow Jesus...
    - John 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you."
    - The world hates Jesus because he convicts the world of sin and righteousness...
    - If it weren't for Jesus men could do whatever they wanted without consequence...
    - **John 3:19-20** "This is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil..."
    - Like a light shining in the darkness Jesus reveals the sin of the world...
    - Because men LOVE sin they hate the light that reveals their sinfulness...
    - When people make fun of you attack you with cutting words because of Jesus...
    - Because you don't do the things the world does convicting the world of their sin...
    - We have Jesus in us so as they hate the light Jesus they also hate us...
  - Rejoice because great is your reward in Heaven... vs. 23
    - This is exactly how they treated the great men/prophets of the Bible...
    - Being hated mistreated mocked for following Jesus is nothing new...
    - **Acts 7:52** "Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One."
    - It can be tough listening to the comments the cutting words people say...
    - As we desire to live and stand for Jesus and feel the brunt of the world's hate...
    - But no trial no comment nothing here can compare with what's to come...
    - \* II Corinthians 4:17-18 "Our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!"
    - How many of us have worked hard 'suffered' only to get paid a small wage...
    - And the money we did receive did not even last very long we had to work again...
    - How much better to 'suffer' for a little while but get an eternal / everlasting reward!
    - 20, 30, even 40 years of trials are nothing compared to an eternity in Heaven!
    - I Corinthians 2:9 "No eye has seen, no ear has heard... what God has prepared..."
- The contrast of the beatitudes the 4 woes... vs. 24-26

- o 1st Woe to you who are rich for you have received your reward... vs. 2
  - How sad to live for riches here on earth that only last for a few short years...
  - An in turn miss out on the FAR greater riches that await the child of God...
  - There are only so many hours in a day we have to choose where we invest our time...
  - Wherever we put the majority of our treasures we will also find our heart...
  - Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
  - Where do we spend the majority of our money, time, thoughts, and efforts...
  - Are we focused on the things of the Lord or caught up in the things of this world...
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Woe to you who are full for you will be hungry... vs. 25
  - Too often in life we strive just to put food in our stomach only to be hungry again...
  - We may be able to fill our mouth but the spirit inside of us is empty!
  - Life is more than just rice if we are living for food we are missing out on life...
  - \* John 6:27 "You should not be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life..."
  - It is when we learn to seek after Jesus the bread of life we are truly full!
- o 3rd Woe to you who laugh now for you will mourn and weep...
  - Those who are rich and full seem to laugh and have the best time now...
  - \* Luke 16:25 "Son, remember in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented."
  - Which would you rather have all the riches and comforts of the world for a few years...
  - Only to end up in the eternal torment of the fires of hell...
  - Or share in the riches of heaven co-heir with Christ forever in heaven...
- o  $4^{th}$  Woe to you when men speak well of you they also spoke well of false prophets... v. 26
  - If those who don't know Jesus love you it is often a good sign you are not serving God...
    James 4:4 "Don't you realize friendship with this world makes you an enemy of God?"
  - Many in Jesus' day recognized Him as the Messiah but they would not confess Him...
  - John 12:43 "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."
  - There is always a temptation to want to blend into the crowd to be accepted
  - But if we are not willing to take a stand for Jesus if we deny Him Matthew 10:33...
  - He will not stand for us before the judgment seat of God He will deny us...
  - If we want to be Jesus' disciple we must Love Him more than the praises of men!
- How to be blessed the Law... Matthew 5:17-20
  - o Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets...
    - Jesus did not come to take away the Law of Moses (God's Righteous standard)...
    - The 613 do's & don'ts of the Law the most famous of which are the 10 commandments
    - Not one jot or tittle will pass away (smallest grammar marks in the Hebrew language)
    - Jesus here gives us insight on how to live the blessed life the key is the Law....
  - o Unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees...
    - This is the key verse to the whole Sermon on the Mount...
      - If the key to the blessed life is the Law then what is the standard the Law gives...
      - You must be more righteous than the most 'holy' and religious leaders of Israel...
    - This statement would have shaken the very faith of the disciple to their foundation...
      - The scribes and Pharisees were the MOST righteous men of their day!

- To say that they were not good enough meant that no one was...
- It would be like saying the nicest person you know still not going 'Good' enough...
- If they are not good enough who then can be 'Good' enough to inherit eternal life...
- The impossible standard... vs. 27-35
  - o Having stated the impossible your righteousness needs to exceed the religious leaders...
  - o Jesus goes on to elaborate and give 3 examples of the righteous 'standard' of the law...
  - o 1st Turn the other cheek... vs. 29
    - The Old Testament version of justice was an eye for eye **Deuteronomy 19:21**...
      - The Law was not meant to be vindictive it was meant to be limiting...
      - Meaning you weren't allowed to do more to someone in revenge than they had done...
      - We want revenge if you take my eye I want to take both of yours, and ears, nose...
      - If you start the fight I am MORE than willing to be the one to finish it...
    - If you do good to those who do good to you even sinners do that... vs. 31
      - Those who don't know Jesus they are nice to those who are nice to them...
      - Those who harm them they go after to exact revenge that is the world's way...
      - Where the Law says if someone hits us we can only hit them back (equal)
      - Jesus says turn the other cheek let your enemy hit you a 2<sup>nd</sup> time!
      - Do GOOD to those who do BAD to you that the world NEVER would never do!
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> If someone asks for your shirt give them your coat give money to anyone who asks...
    - The Old Testament Law commanded us not to steal from others Exodus 20:15...
      - The idea was to establish the right of property what's mine is mine / yours is yours...
      - If I owned a shirt you could not take it / if I lent you money you had to return it...
    - If you only give to those who give back even sinners do that...
      - Those who don't know Jesus they will loan money (with interest) to anyone...
      - You can borrow things but they want them back that is the world's way...
      - Where the Law says do not take what does not belong to you...
      - Jesus says give what is your away without any hope of getting it back!
      - Give your things to ANYONE who asks that the world NEVER would never do!
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Love your neighbor...
    - The law only required that you love your neighbor Leviticus 19:18...
      - We call it the 'Golden Rule' do to other people what you want them to do to you...
      - The same way we want others to treat us is how we should treat them!
      - But it was limited to our neighbor we would say family / friends...
    - If you love those who also love you even sinners do that...
      - Those who don't know Jesus will still love those who love them back...
      - Even the worst criminal takes care of his kids his family...
      - Where the Law says you are only required to love your neighbor...
      - Love says do good to those who hate you curse you spitefully use you!
      - Love those who HATE you HURT you that the world NEVER would never do!
- Conclusion... vs. 35-36
  - o Therefore Love your enemies / do good / and give...
    - God our example of Love is kind to the unthankful and evil...

- \* **Romans 5:7-8** "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- While we were still sinners unthankful evil God showed His love for us...
- So when we do the same we show we are also sons of the most high...
- o Be just like your Father in Heaven...
  - Our standard of being good...
    - When someone says they are a good person they are setting a standard...
    - Whom are they good compared to by what standard are they good...
    - So often we have set the standard ourselves I am better than the person next to me...
    - The question that must be asked though is what is God's Standard of righteousness...
  - Be merciful just as your Father in heaven is merciful...
    - God standard of righteousness is Himself Leviticus 19:2...
    - Never once having sinned in action or thought James 2:10...
    - Suddenly we no longer look like such good people....
    - It's been asked why would a God of love send good people to hell He doe not...
    - Amazingly He sends sinners to heaven! The qualification faith in His perfect Son!
  - The answer to how to live the blessed life...
    - \* Romans 3:20-24 "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin..."
    - The answer is Jesus! We cannot be Righteous on our own!
    - It is only through Faith in Jesus can we have the Blessed life!