



Upside Down KINGDOM



LUKE 6-17-26

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

20 Looking at his disciples, he said:

‘Blessed are you who are **poor**, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who **hunger** now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who **weep** now, for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when **people hate you**, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

23 ‘Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 'But woe to you who are **rich**, for you have already received your comfort.

25 Woe to you who are **well fed** now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who **laugh now**, for you will mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when **everyone speaks well of you**, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Who is blessed in this world?

- Those who are **poor and hungry**, those who **weep and are hated by others**.

And how terrible life is for...

- The **rich and well fed**, they spend their time **laughing** and everyone **speaks well of them**.

What do we value?

- Rich OR Poor **Power**
- Well Fed OR Hungry **Comfort**
- Weeping OR Laughing **Success**
- You are liked OR hated **Recognition**



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“The people of God will
prize what the world rejects,
and
suspect what the
world thinks desirable.”

Michael Wilcox

Disciples of Jesus

- Will no be longer controlled by the things that the world thinks are so critical
- Know power, comfort, success, and recognition is only temporary
- Recognise their own brokenness and need of Him
- Do not seek out weeping or hunger, but when it comes we recognise its value
- Know that blessedness that doesn't have to do with circumstances

*“I have set my mind
not on things below
but on things that are above,
for my life is hid with God in Christ”*

Col. 3:1