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*'God Bless You' ... Are You Sure?*

*Know the Real Jesus*

*Luke 6:20-26 ESV*

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**Those who are blessed of God live w/certain attitudes:**

**1) A continuous and humbling self-evaluation**

The blessing:

God's favor - Christ' presence, power, peace and joy now.

*<sup>20</sup>And He (Jesus) lifted up his eyes on His disciples, and said: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.*

**2) A continuous hunger to live a righteous life in honor of God**

The blessing:

An inner contentment of the fullness of what's to come

*<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied...*

**3) A grieving brokenness over personal & societal sin.**

The blessing:

A joyful expectation of dwelling with God

*<sup>21</sup>...Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.*

**4) A Christ pleasing perspective when making choices.**

The blessing:

Hated, excluded, reviled & slandered - just like the prophets

*<sup>22</sup>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! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.*

**Those who ignore Christ may also have certain attitudes:**

1) They have a certain **self** righteousness: A belief that this life is all there is and they have it covered.

The woe:

This is the best it gets for them: the future lacks the favor of God and will be disastrous

*<sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.*

2) Live for **self-satisfaction**.

The woe: in great want later.

*<sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.*

3) **Laugh** off personal/societal sin.

The woe: never ending torment.

*<sup>25</sup>...Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.*

4) Living a compromising **false faith** in order to please others and to be **popular** amongst others.

The woe:

A self deceived, thus deceiving of others false faith.

*<sup>26</sup>Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets*