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Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6:12-26

Why sermon on the Plain?

- Because the _____ says so (12-19)
- Is it the same as Sermon on the Mount? (Mat 5)

What is the meaning of “Blessed”?

- In the Old Testament, it evoked images of a long life; wealth; a large, healthy family; a full barn; and defeated enemies (Deut 28)
- God was teaching the nation (_____) of Israel by means of rewards and punishments
- But in this context, Jesus was addressing His disciples (20) who had left _____ to follow Him, they asked, “What is in store for me?” (5:11,28)
- So they need to unlearn what it means to be blessed when following Jesus.
- The blessed life comes not from _____, or from _____, but from _____!
- It is about our attitudes toward _____ (20-26), _____ (27-38), _____ (39-45) and (46-49)
- Nobody get saved by following the beatitudes
- But they are Godly _____ that every follower of Jesus displays
- To be ‘Blessed’ is not about how I _____ but what God _____ of me
- It is a positive judgment of God’s _____.
- Therefore the word ‘_____’ carries the opposite meaning.
- The question therefore is this: “As a disciple of Christ, do you want His approval more than anything else? Do you want His blessing _____ all else?”
- **YES?**
- Then “Blessed are you who are...

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

What are we to be poor about? (Mat 5:3)

- Being “Poor” is NOT saying that one is of no _____ or self-worth whatsoever
- Neither does it mean a lack of spiritual _____.
- Nor is it _____ humility
- It is the personal acknowledgment of spiritual _____.¹
- It is the awareness and admission that we are utterly _____ and without the moral virtues adequate to commend us to God²
- “Blessed are those who realize that they have _____ within themselves to commend them to God, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
- It is the renunciation of our self-_____!
- It is the _____ of _____ (Luke 18:9-14) and the _____ of _____ (Rev 3:17)

¹ Don Carson, Sermon on the Mount

² Hughes, R. K., Sermon on the Mount

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh

What does it mean to weep?

- It is not about walking around _____ sad, melancholic, depressed or self-pitiful
- It is not that we cannot _____ or laugh over things that we should laugh about.

What are we to be weeping about?

- We are to weep over how _____ we are!
 - ❖ While “Blessed are the poor in spirit,” is an _____ *assent* that we are spiritually bankrupt; “Blessed are those who weep,” is its _____ *response*.
 - ❖ When we see ourselves for what we are, our emotions will be stirred to weeping.
- We are to mourn over _____ sins! (rom 3:9-18)
 - ❖ 1 in ___ Christians in the past one year admitted to having premarital or extra-marital sexual encounter³
 - ❖ 1 in ___ Christians admitted to having sexual encounter outside of marriage in their lifetime
 - ❖ More than _____ have viewed pornography
 - ❖ _____ of Christians say it is _____ acceptable to have sex before marriage, even in a committed relationship.
 - ❖ But 34% of them (including 47% of dating or engaged young adults) said that they would go overseas alone with their boyfriend/girlfriend even if they could face sexual temptations with each other.
 - ❖ And 28% of the _____ approved of it!
- We are to weep over the sins of the _____! (Rom 3:9-18)

Do we weep over our sins?

- Do we weep over the sins of the world?
- You cannot be forgiven if you are not _____ for your sins
- One thing worse than sin is the _____ of sin.
- If you have never sorrowed over your sin (not just regret over its _____), then consider long and carefully if you really are a Christian. (2Cor 7:10)
- Spiritual weeping is necessary for _____ (Luke 15:18-20)
- Spiritual weeping bring forgiveness and _____ (Ps 32:1-2)
- The _____ who convicts us of our sins is also our Comforter

Reflections – BE BLESSED!

- Jesus said, *"How miserable for you! You might better be hungry, poor, weeping, and hated. For then at least you might turn from these empty things to Me, to find out what life is really all about."*
- Do you acknowledge that there is nothing within you to commend you to God? Are you mourning? Do you ache with the guilt of your sin before God and man? If so, and if you are a Christian, return to the Lord and be restored to fellowship.
- If you are not a believer, come to him now and he will give you the kingdom. He will put his robe on your shoulders, his ring on your hand, his sandals on your feet, and will prepare a feast for you. You will be comforted!

³ Whole Life Survey by Focus on the Family