

# The Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6:12-26

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
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## Prayer precedes calling the twelve

- **Luke 6:12**  
And it was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

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## Apostles are authoritative leaders of the church

- **Luke 6:13**  
And when day came, He called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

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
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### The Twelve

- **Luke 6:14 - 16**

Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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
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### A multitude comes to hear Jesus

- **Luke 6:17**

And He descended with them, and stood on a level place; and there was a great multitude of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,

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
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### Jesus' powerful ministry in word and deed

- **Luke 6:18, 19**

who had come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. And all the multitude were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.

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
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 Themes from Mary's song about reversal repeated in Luke 6

■ Blessed (Luke 1:48)	■ Blessed (Luke 6:20 – 22)
■ Hungry – Filled (Luke 1:53)	■ Hungry – Filled (Luke 6:21, 25)
■ Rich (Luke 1:53)	■ Rich (Luke 6:24)

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
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 A reversal of common thinking

■ **Luke 6:20**  
 And turning His gaze on His disciples, He began to say, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

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
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 Future reversal in the eschatological, Messianic banquet

■ **Luke 6:21**  
 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

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
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The end times Messianic banquet

- **Isaiah 25:6, 7**

And the Lord of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all nations.

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
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Consolation for the people of God

- **Isaiah 25:8**

He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.

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
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Rejected by men; blessed by God

- **Luke 6:22, 23**

“Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. Be glad in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.”

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
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 **Corresponding Woes**

■ **Luke 6:24 - 26**

“But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets.”

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
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 **Applications**

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- 2) Do not let persecution rob you of the joy of salvation.
- 3) Do not trust in riches.

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
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 1) Be devoted to prayer and the apostles' teaching.

■ **Acts 2:42**

And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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 2) Do not let persecution rob you of the joy of salvation.

■ **Acts 5:40b, 41**

and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them to speak no more in the name of Jesus, and then released them. So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

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 2) Do not let persecution rob you of the joy of salvation.

■ **1Peter 4:13, 14**

but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

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 3) Do not trust in riches.

■ **1Timothy 6:17**

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

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
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3) Do not trust in riches.

■ **1Timothy 6:18, 19**

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

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