

INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 6:17-19 display of compassion.

1st: Overview of the Sermon "A manifesto of the kingdom"

1. Character of the royal sons - v20-26 blessed in contrast to the cursed.
2. v27-38 - Conduct of royal sons love & mercy in judgment
3. v39-49 - parabolic Calls to righteous wise obedient living
4. Beatitudes describe those blessed - they are proficient in kingdom love.
5. The "already-not yet" character of the kingdom.

2nd: The Old Testament Soil Of This Sermon

1. Jesus' last sermon - Lk 4:16ff on Isa 61:1-2a *good news to the afflicted* [poor]. 1st beatitude. What Jesus came to do in Lk 4, He does in Lk 6.
2. Jesus was self-consciously fulfilling Isa's prophesy of Servant of Lord.
 - i. Isa 65:9-12 Lord calls His *chosen ones* - *who seek Me* = worship
 - a. v11 - *you who forsake Lord* = neglect worship to sit at table of demons [1C 10:21]: *fortune, destiny* [pagan gods - abstract ideas]
 - 1) v12 - word-play: you feast w/ *destiny* but Lord *destines*
 - 2) Why? Rejection of Lord's words - idolatry.
 - b. v9-12 2 kinds of people identified by worship: God or Mammon?
 - ii. v13-14 judgment differentiates & justice sentences accordingly
 - a. contrast tw/ *My servants & you* - who, in v11-12, reject Lord
 - b. *Behold* - 4x contrast provisions & deprivation for life
 - iii. v15-18 prophet's flattened perspective: Isa sees men as seen in FJ.
 - a. their respective names [Rv 2:17]
 - b. v16 *blessed 2x & God of truth 2x - troubles will be forgotten*

- c. v17-18 *create 3x* [Rv 21:1-5]

3. Hear Isaiah's prophecy - Lk 6:20-26

- i. The hearers are seen in view of ultimate eternal issues.
 - ii. Speaks to us today: blessings to royal-sons or woes to idolaters.
 - a. "Already" - 1T 5:24-25 correlation tw/ life lived now & life to be lived in eternity. *You will know them by their fruits* [Mt 7:16, 20]
 - iii. Jesus describes the blessed or cursed: presses us into eternity.
4. Servant says 4:21 *today this Script has been fulfilled in your hearing* : present blessings & woes [Rm 1:18] - w/ eternal consequences.

Applic #1: Appreciate the Importance of Jesus' Sermon: Kingdom Manifesto

1. Our shared stewardship for the Word of God.
2. King Jesus' kingdom manifesto: authorized document of kingdom.

Applic #2: Understand the Jesus' Kingdom is Not of This Realm

1. *My kingdom is not of this world* [Jn 18:36] - realities of the age to come break into our present age.
2. Kingdom inversion - [A 17:5, 7] Tendency to politicize & measure Christ's kingdom against *Caesar's*. Jesus is *Lord!*
3. Jesus' sermon puts us right-side -up. *He begins to say...* Are you listening? Are you ready to be a kingdom radical for Jesus?