

INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 6 v20-26 = description of *sons of the Most High* [v35] on battle-field; v27-38 = strategy for battle: overcomers [Revelation].
2. "Kingdom inversion" - juxtaposition of two ages: now & age to come.
 - i. v20 // v24 poverty & riches; v21a // v25a hunger & satisfaction; v21b // v25b weeping & laughing.
 - ii. Jesus points to realities of the age to come pursued now by disciples.
3. Battle strategy - 4th beatitude: v22-23 // v26 - enemies in view, v27 - summation of battle-strategy: love. v28-35 describes interact w/ ppl who do not love us but hate us - v35. v35-38 we administer kingdom of grace
4. As image of God, we need & desire to be judged. In sin, we refuse to accept God's judgment: Phars *loved the approval of men rather than the approval of G* [Jn 12:43; Rm 2:29].

1st: The Blessed Will Be Hated

1. *hate* - strong dislike: spectrum of aversion to hostility.
2. Jesus was hatred - 6:11 [cf. Mk 3:6 - to kill Jesus]. Disciples - Jn 15:18-19
3. Either - or: *love or hate*. Hyperbole. Ours is a day of "both-and".
 - i. *love or hate* as vocab of covenantal rlnshp - Rm 9:13.
 - ii. Go a step further: vocab of *life or death*.
 - iii. *Hatred* is a judgment that executes sentence of death - what is death? Separation. *Hate* - to live separated from the thg/person who is hated.
4. Lk 6:27-28 *enemies hate you* - spectrum of emotions & behaviors, but all effect some form of "death."

2nd: The Blessed Will Be Ostracized

1. *ostracize you* - excommunicate.
2. Family - Mt 10:34-37 [Mic 7:5-6]
3. Community - Lk 4:24
4. Banishment from OCov community => God's curse (*woe*)! [Jn 9; Jn 16:2]

3rd: The Blessed Will Be Insulted

1. *insult you* - denounce, accuse, condemn, publicly disgrace - social aspects of persecution - violations of the IXth commandment.
2. Jesus endured such defamation - Mat 10:25. Early church denounced too
3. Reviled - Jesus' example 1 Pt 2:22-23; instruction to us 1 Pt 3:16; 4:14

4th: The Blessed Will Be Repudiated

1. Lk 6:22 *scorn your name as evil: spurn*: expel w/ forceful repudiation. Verb used re: exorcisms; smthg done to a defeated enemy.
 - i. *evil* - Satanic - "Christianity" seen as harmful
 - ii. an idiom - destroy your reputation.
2. *your name*: 1Pt 4:15-16 reputation, credibility, trustworthiness: battle strategy of enemies. How do we combat that? 1 Pt 3:8-9.

5th: The Blessed Live For the Sake of the Son of Man

1. Lk 6:22 - *Son of Man* [Dan 7:13] - exalted & reigns: Messiah, Suffering Servant of the Lord - Jesus' deity & humanity.

BLESSED REJECTION - Lk 6:22

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2. See the spiritual, eschat'al character of all the beatitudes: experienced *for the sake of the Son of Man*. Ponder the words *for the sake of...*

3. In what commandment are we trafficking? Ist & Xth - [Jn 12:43]. Identify for whose *sake* you are living & you identify your God.

4. Whose judgment concerns you: men's of the Son of Man's? *- Lk 9:26

i. The way men judge us now, is an indicator of how Jesus will judge us.

ii. When men of this age condemn you b/c of Christ, *bless them* Lk 6:22