



Receiving from God, Giving to Others

Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: but they mocked the messengers of God – 2Chronicles 36:15-16

[Luke 6:20-38, near Capernaum] He lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and said,

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall exclude and mock you, and throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich!

For you have received your consolation.

Woe to you, you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe, when men speak well of you,
for their fathers did the same thing to the false prophets.

“But I tell you who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other; and from him who takes away your cloak, don’t withhold your coat also. Give

to everyone who asks you, and don’t ask him who takes away your goods to give them back again.

**Blessed are you when
men shall hate you**

“As you would like people to do to you, do exactly so to them. If you love those who

love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive back as much. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing back; and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil.

Therefore be merciful,

even as your Father is also merciful.

Don’t judge,

and you won’t be judged.

Don’t condemn,

and you won’t be condemned.

Set free,

and you will be set free.

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be given into your lap. For with the same measure you measure it will be measured back to you.”

1. Do you think this is a different event than the Sermon on the Mount? Why or why not?

2. Do you think of yourself as poor? Excluded? How will you love your enemies today?

3. Jesus, I judge and condemn all the time, please help me give freedom to others by...

