

FINAL STUDY NOTES - LUKE CHAPTER 6 2-10/11-2025

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OPENING PRAYER

LUKE – Chapter 6 – Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath – (vs. 1-5); Healing on the Sabbath – (vs. 6-11); The Twelve Apostles – (vs. 12-16); Jesus Heals a Great Multitude – (vs. 17-19); The Beatitudes – (vs. 20-23); Jesus Pronounces Woes – (vs. 24-26); Love Your Enemies – (vs. 27-36); Do Not Judge – (vs. 37-42); A Tree is Known by its Fruit – (vs. 43-45); Build on the Rock – (vs. 46-49).

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath – Luk 6:1 Now it happened on the second Sabbath after the first that He went through the grainfields. And His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate them, rubbing them in their hands.

- The disciples as they were going through were picking the wheat, rubbing it in their hands, blowing the chaff away and eating. They were hungry. That was perfectly legal. One of the benevolent laws is found in

(Deu 23:24,25b) "When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put any in your container. [25b] you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain. What they were doing was perfectly legal, passing through the field just to satisfy their own hunger, picking, and rubbing it and eating the wheat.

Luk 6:2 And some of the Pharisees said to them (the disciples), "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"

- The Mishnah defined thirty-nine work categories. Three of them are being done here. Reaping, threshing, and winnowing.

Luk 6:3 But Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

Luk 6:4 how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread (Lev 24:5-6), and also gave some to those with him, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?"

- **Jesus is chiding them.** These are the men who know and pride themselves in the knowledge of the scriptures. Have you not ever read what David did? (*1Sa 21:6a*) So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD.
- **David was revered by these men. Jesus is pointing out that this hero** of yours did that which was not lawful to do. Jesus is saying that nobody in Israel would criticize David. He was God's anointed. So is Jesus, God's anointed. Jesus is claiming to be greater or equal to David!
- **Jesus is pointing out that God's laws were for the benefit of man.** If you look at the laws of God, you find that they are for the benefit of man. Thus, though the law said that only the priest were to eat the showbread, here was a case of human hunger, which overrides this prohibition. God does not mean that the law should prevent us from taking care of basic needs, which is never the intent or the purpose of the law. The law was intended to benefit man, not to hinder or hurt man.

Luk 6:5 And He said to them, "The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

- **He said, I even have precedence over the Sabbath.** He is claiming to be God, having the authority to know if His disciples had broken the Sabbath Law!
- **An additional parallel contained in the allusion Jesus is using, which is that David,** as God's anointed, was being hounded by the forces of a dying dynasty, that of King Saul. Jesus, God's newly Anointed One, was being hounded by the forces of a dying dynasty also! God created the Sabbath as a celebration of Creation, of rejoicing, not an onerous time of laws and rules!
- **The Sabbath was instituted in Genesis 2.** Adam, Enoch, and Noah, none of which were Jewish, kept the Sabbath. It was observed before the Law was given!
- **The Sabbath will be observed in the Millennium** (*Isa 66:23b*) And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.
- **The Gospels record six instances in which Jesus confronts the Pharisees over the Sabbath.** (*Mat 12:5; Mar 3:1-5; Luk 6:1-4, 5; 13:10-17; Joh 7:22-23*). Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law! We are not under the law, yet the Sabbath remains a blessing for man to enjoy!

A Man with a Withered Hand

Luk 6:6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered (shriveled).

- We are told in the other gospels that this was the synagogue in Capernaum.
- Only Luke tells us it was the right hand that was withered.

Luk 6:7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him.

- **Jesus was realizing that they were watching Him,** wondering whether or not He would heal this man on the Sabbath day because that was against their traditions. You could not heal on the Sabbath day. You could take whatever measures were necessary to preserve a person's life but nothing towards healing.
- **We see that the Pharisees and the scribes associated Jesus with the man** with a withered hand. That is, they knew that He would be interested in that man. They knew that Jesus was interested in the man there in the congregation who had the greatest need. They understood that about Jesus.

- **He is always interested in the person with the greatest need.** That man with the greatest need was the one that got Jesus' attention, and He was interested in him. They knew that. The enemies of Jesus oftentimes understood Him better than His own disciples or His own friends.
- ***How open am I to noticing and acknowledging the person with the greatest need as Jesus always did?***

Luk 6:8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

- **He knew what they were thinking,** He could see it. *And said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.* Jesus is not going to do anything in a corner. He is not going to say, "Come outside. He is going to face them right, stand here in the middle, with this man standing there with his limp arm,

Luk 6:9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?"

- **Jesus said unto them.** These fellows who were there to keep order, the scribes, and the Pharisees. *I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save a life, or to destroy it?*
- **It is the Sabbath day, granted. "Is it lawful to do good, or to do evil?"** You see, if it is in your power to help a person and you refuse to help to save a person's life and you let them go, that is evil. If a person is drowning and you have the capacity to pull them out of the water, but you just watch them drown, that is evil. Jesus showed that refusing to do good on the Sabbath was doing evil!
- **Here was a man who was in desperate need, Jesus had the capacity to help him.** To not help him would be evil. So, He makes them face the issue that demonstrates the folly of their traditions.

Luk 6:10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

- **Mark said He was looking with anger.** There was fire in His eyes. He was upset that they would withhold from this needy man just because it violated some dumb tradition that they had.
- **He said unto the man, Stretch forth your hand.** Now this man can do one of two things. He can argue with Jesus and tell Him why he cannot stretch forth his hand. Or he can try to do it. He can will himself to stretch forth his hand once more! Though he had willed many times previously, nothing happened, he can try once more, and he can will to stretch forth his hand. He discovered the moment he willed to obey the command of Christ, though it was an impossible command, the moment he willed to obey, all that was necessary was given him to obey. Jesus performed no "work" on the Sabbath. He simply spoke a few words and the man's hand was restored!
- **And he stretched out his hand...it was restored as whole as the other.** Sometimes as the Lord faces the weakness in our life, commanding us to be strong, we often argue with Him, telling Him why we are weak. How many times, Lord I have tried? I just cannot do it, Lord. I just have a weakness. And we are giving Him all the excuses why we cannot obey. **But you will discover if you will to obey, everything necessary to obey will be given to you.** That is the neat thing about the Lord.
- **He does not command you to do anything, but that He will enable you to do it, if you are willing! How willing am I?**

Luk 6:11 But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

- **Now the reaction of the scribes and Pharisees was that they were filled with rage!** From this point on they said, "We have got to get rid of this guy! This is where the plot began to crucify Jesus.
- **Jesus humiliated the religious leaders and healed the man all at the same time** without even breaking the Pharisees' law!

The Twelve Apostles - Luk 6:12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

- **He continued all night in prayer to God!** Luke presents to us the human side of Jesus, giving us an insight into His prayer life that is not given to us in the other gospels. Luke tells us that when Jesus was baptized, as He was praying the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. Here Luke lets us know that before choosing from the disciples twelve to be called apostles He spent the night in prayer.
- **Do we ever spend all night in prayer? Jesus did and He was the Son of God!**

- **How important in choosing the leadership to be directed by God**, to spend the night in prayer!

Luk 6:13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

- **The Twelve Apostles would minister to the twelve tribes of Israel** and would have their names imprinted on the very architecture of heaven! The foundations of the wall are inscribed with the names of the twelve apostles. (*Rev 21:14*) *Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.* There is a very important role that they did play and it will come into play in the future. Authority was delegated to the Apostles
- **Of the twelve Apostles, most of us are familiar with Peter, James, John, and Andrew.** From there, we do not always remember the names of the others because we are not told much about them. Church history and traditions offer us a little bit about these twelve apostles.
- **Thomas went to Syria then to Phrygia and ultimately to India**, evangelizing there. He was crucified in India for the cause of Christ.
- **Apparently, all of them met their death by violent means** with the exception of John the Beloved who was arrested, taken to Rome. Domitian, had him put in boiling oil. By a miracle it did not harm him. He was then put in prison, exiled to Patmos. When Nerva replaced Domitian as the emperor of Rome, he released John from Patmos, he went to Ephesus, dying there at an old age. Polycarp in Smyrna, and Ignatius Hierapolis, were a couple of his disciples who became bishops.
- **Saint Andrew was crucified on a X kind of a cross** when he came to Odessa. Two of the arms of the cross were implanted in the ground. That is where you get the X shaped Saint Andrew's cross. We do not read of Thaddaeus, who was also called Lebbaeus, doing anything.

Luk 6:14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew (possibly is Nathaniel);

- **Jesus called him Peter. Petros, little stone**, upon this rock I will build my church. The rock of Peter's confession, You are the Christ (*petra*), a large stone! (*Mat 16:18a*) *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock (petra) I will build My church*
- **Andrew, his brother**, was a disciple of John the Baptist and brought his brother Peter to Jesus. Andrew has the reputation for bringing people to Jesus. At the feeding of the five thousand, Andrew brought the little boy with five loaves and two fish to Jesus. Later on, we find that Andrew brought the Greeks to Jesus.
- **James and John, whom Jesus called the sons of thunder**, were ready to call down fire upon those that would oppose Jesus. They were fishermen, partners with Peter and their father, Zebedee. Their mother's name was Salome, who was at the cross when Jesus was crucified and one of the first women to come to the tomb.

Luk 6:15 Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot;

- **Matthew was also known as Levi.** Then there was *Thomas*, who we spoke of earlier. *James the son of Alphaeus.* Matthew is also called the son of Alphaeus. Could it be that Matthew and this other James were brothers? It is possible. This James is also called James the less, meaning little or short.
- **Then there was Simon the Zealot.** The Zealots were a group of extreme nationalists. They would take vows to kill a Roman whenever they had a chance. These guys always carried daggers under their cloaks, vowing to kill every Roman they could. **Notice His grace** in the unlikely choice of a Zealot and a tax collector, to be chosen as a disciple/Apostle of our Lord! How amazing the opposites that can come together in Jesus, how He is the common denominator and brings all men together.

Luk 6:16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

Jesus Ministers to a Great Multitude

- **Judas, who was also called not Iscariot, the brother of James.** (*Joh 14:22a*) *Judas (not Iscariot).* Now is this James the less? We do not know. If it is, then Judas, James and Matthew could perhaps be brothers. The only thing we know about this Judas is, "*Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?*"
- **There are others, named James and Jude in the Bible.** The author of the book of James is not the brother of John. But the author of the book of James who is thought to be the stepbrother of Jesus. We know that Jesus had several brothers and two of their names were James and Judah. In Jude, he identifies himself (*Jud 1:1a*) *Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James.*

- **Judas Iscariot, the other Judas who we know** because of his dastardly deed. Jesus said, (*Joh 6:70*) *Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"* Jesus in (*Joh 17:12*) and Paul, as the antichrist, in (*2Th 2:3*) referred to him as *the son of perdition*.
- **We know that he was the treasurer, carrying the purse.** John tells us (*Joh 12:5,6*) *"Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"* [6] *This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.* Judas Iscariot was the treasurer, thieving out of the funds. He was embezzling. He was the one who then went to the rulers, betraying Jesus for thirty pieces of silver! A sad story, Judas Iscariot.

The Sermon on the Plain, Four Beatitudes, including “woes,” a reversal in (*Luk 6:24-26*).

Similar to Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount – Nine Beatitudes

Luk 6:17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

- **What Jesus is going to say in the next section is similar** to what He said in the Sermon on the Mount. But He is saying these basic truths about the kingdom, but in a different place. When He was on the mount, He called His disciples. Here He is speaking to His disciples and to a great multitude of people. It is on the plains. But these are basic truths and basic truths bear repeating. Jesus no doubt repeated these truths many times in each community where He would go; basic truths about the kingdom of God and who is going to inhabit the kingdom of God.
- ***Came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases.*** They wanted to hear Jesus but many of them were in need, wanting to be healed of their diseases. Nobody ever dies in Christ’s presence!

Luk 6:18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

- **Can you imagine what that would be?** Thousands of people are crowding around you, everyone trying to get close enough to touch you. Because by touching Jesus, *they were healed*.

Luk 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

- **It must have been extremely inconvenient and uncomfortable** to be constantly shoved, to have people constantly grabbing you. I am sure that you would say, Leave me alone! Give me space! We never read of Jesus reacting in that way. In fact, He always looked with compassion on them, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd, just wandering, searching.

The Beatitudes – Four Essentials for Happiness; Faith in God; Honesty with Ourselves; Love Toward Others; Obedience Toward God.

Luk 6:20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.

- ***Blessed are you poor.*** Jesus is not saying that poverty in and of itself is a blessing. Not saying that at all. To God, the idea that it is better to be poor in this world and citizens of the Kingdom of God than to be rich in this world and not know God!
- ***For yours is the kingdom of God.*** (*Mat 5:3*) The *poor in spirit* is something that is considered a plus in the kingdom of God, but it is considered a negative in the world. The man who is humble, meek. is oftentimes looked upon with disdain by the world. But God looks upon him with favor!
- **How rich are we to be saved? How rich are we to be forgiven of our sins?** How rich am I to have a personal relationship with God? How rich are we to sing with absolute confidence, longing for the day of the Lorde return and the absolute confidence that one day we will be in heaven? So even in the midst of poverty and deprivation of that kind. There is still a cause for blessing, especially when we find ourselves in that deprivation because of our faithfulness to Him!
- **We rich are constantly assaulted with the temptation to rely on our riches.** Can we have riches and yet not rely on them? Are we dulled to our needs, by our plenty? Can we have plenty and still feel our need? We tend to take pride in what we have done, to take credit for our comforts! Can we lead a humble life?
- **How important are riches to me now? How do they compare in importance to my humility? My being poor in spirit?**

Luk 6:21 Blessed are you who hunger now, *For you shall be filled.* Blessed are you who weep now, *For you shall laugh.*

- ***Blessed are you who hunger now.*** That goes often with poverty. Here we have the promise that Christians who live a life of persecution against them, of sacrifice, self-denial, which is a part of fulfilling God's calling upon their lives as Christians in in the world. All of that is going to be rewarded one day! (*Mat 5:6*)

Luk 6:22 Blessed are you when men hate you, *And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil,* For the Son of Man's sake.

- ***Jesus said, "Marvel not, if the world hates you" (1 John 3:13). "They hated me. You are not greater than the Master" (John 15:18,20). If they did not receive Me, they are not going to receive you.*** Do not expect to win the Mr. Popularity contest in the world because there is that friction and natural antagonism of the world towards the righteous. *"They that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim 3:12). "In this world," Jesus said, (John 16:33b) In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*
- ***When you are reproached, reviled for Christ's sake, when people say evil*** against you because of your Christian witness. They begin to slur you, because you do not listen to dirty jokes and this kind of thing. (*Mat 5:11*)
- ***For the Son of Man's sake.*** Jesus, speaking for Himself, is saying when we receive this treatment for our loyalty to follow Him, then it is a blessing!.

Luk 6:23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! *For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.*

- (*Mat 5:12*) *Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*
- ***Like manner their fathers did to the prophets.*** Those who speak forth God's truth are not popular. Even in Israel, the true prophets of God were often persecuted. One of the problems that Jeremiah faced was that there were many false prophets, contradicting what he was saying.
- ***Jesus is telling us that we are much better off,*** being poor, hungry, and persecuted, and to be following Jesus, rather than having a life of comparative ease and not being a part of His Kingdom. That is what is meant by being blessed in all of this.
- ***Today, the world does not want to hear that God is displeased with what I am doing.*** They want to sin with impunity. The homosexual community do not want to be condemned, being told that it is sinful, that it is wrong. That is against scriptures and so they have their own churches where they have their false prophets that say, Anything brother that you can do, just if it makes you feel good. They get upset because we dare to speak out what God's word has to say, which offends people.

Jesus Pronounces Woes - Those Now Treated Well by the World, But Will Have No Eternal Life! – One of the differences from the Sermon on the Mount.

Luk 6:24 *"But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation.*

- ***These woes were for the rich, the well fed,*** the ones who laugh, who were popular. They did not understand the gravity of the situation which confronted them, which is the same risks we have today!
- ***You have received your reward!*** Hey, you have had it. It has been good. Woe unto you that are full! for you will hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for you will mourn and weep.

Luk 6:25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep.

Luk 6:26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

- ***Be careful when the world begins to make you the Man of the Year.***
- ***This is still radical for us today.*** Not to be tuned out because of its familiarity, so we do not hear them.

Love Your Enemies

- (*2Co 6:16-17*) ***And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE." [17] Therefore "COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE SEPARATE, SAYS THE LORD. DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN, AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU."***

Luk 6:27 *"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,*

- **Who are God's enemies? We are!** Before we are were saved, the flesh is at enmity with God. (*Rom 5:8-10*) *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. [10] For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. God is the ultimate example! God wants us reflect His heart!*

Luk 6:28 *bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.*

- **We not only are to refrain from verbal retaliation against people that come against us verbally**, but we are to speak blessing. We are to speak grace and peace back to them. Then pray for those who mistreat us.

Luk 6:29 *To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.*

- **The idea is to win their hearts and their minds.** The people that are watching the injustice when people insult us as we live this way. God is wanting them to see a different citizen of a different Kingdom, realizing that it takes a strong person to stand in that situation, not coming down to their level. Again, we are trying to be a spiritual influence in the world!

Luk 6:30 *Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.*

- **Jesus again is stressing that believers must be "generous to a fault,"** even when someone takes away your goods. The standards by which Jesus' disciples live are to be higher than the standards of the world.

Luk 6:31 *And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.*

- **As you look at that, you say it is impossible. It is not natural to love your enemies, to do good to those that hate you and to bless them that curse you.** It is not natural. It is supernatural! If you try to do it naturally, you are going to find yourself frustrated and miserable. You cannot do it apart from the work of the Holy Spirit within your heart! But you need to be open that the Holy Spirit might work in your heart. Lord, help me. Plant Your love in my heart for them. Allow God to do it. You cannot do it yourself. **How open am I to the leading of the Holy Spirit?**
- **Do not try to reform and say, Oh I am going to love them.** I am just going to love them. You cannot do it; it is just not in you. Only God can do it as He works in you by His Spirit. And that is why we have to turn the job over to the Spirit! But God will do it in us, what we cannot do for ourselves!
- **We have the same case here. Jesus is making impossible demands,** just as impossible as the man to whom He said, Stretch forth your hand, which was an impossible command! But because he willed to obey it, God gave him the power! These are impossible commands but ***if you will to obey it, the Lord will do it for you.*** He will give you the capacity to do this! As a Christian you are to be more than everybody else.

Luk 6:32 *"But if you love (agape) those who love (agape) you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love (agape) those who love them.*

- **That is no big deal. For even sinners love those who love them.** You are not proving anything! You are supposed to be more as a child of God. Love is always a choice, not an emotional reflex. Agape is an unconditional love!

Luk 6:33 *And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.*

Luk 6:34 *And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.*

Luk 6:35 *But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.*

- **God, our heavenly Father, He is kind.** Look how He gives to people and nothing in return. How He gives to people life and health and so much and they never say, Thank you Lord. They never recognize God's blessing. They take all of these things for granted. Yet God blesses them and provides for them. Thus, as His children, being like our Father. God wants us to reflect His heart in our actions.
- **We need to follow this example.** But you cannot do it apart from Him and His help. **How I need to consider this!**

Luk 6:36 *Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.*

- **We should be merciful to others** the way God has been *merciful* to us. More mercy from us, not less.

Judging Others

Luk 6:37 "**Judge** (To pass sentence upon; to condemn; or to punish) **not, and you shall not be judged.**
Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

- **This is likely the most misapplied verse in the Bible!** We are called to condemn sin, to inspect fruit! It means not to judge people's motives or their attitudes. We are free to judge them on the basis of their fruit. (1Co 5:11-13) *But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person. [12] For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? (We're to deal with the Christian community and let God take care of the world's iniquity.) [13] But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "PUT AWAY FROM YOURSELVES THE EVIL PERSON."*
- (Psa 97:10a) *You who love the LORD, hate evil! (Pro 8:13) The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.*
- **Here are things where it comes back to you.** Judge not, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. And the positive: *forgive, and you will be forgiven.*
 - ✓ **Five ways of judging correctly:** Humbly; Prayerfully; Biblically; Lovingly; Mercifully!
 - ✓ **Offering judgment:** Exemplarily; Privately, not publicly; Gently; and Constructively!
- **Be careful of judgmentalism.** A merciful Father is to have merciful children.

Luk 6:38 *Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."*

- **God will never be a debtor.** He will always out-give what you are giving; out-do what you are doing! (Mal 3:10b) *And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing....there will not be room enough to receive it.*
- **Jesus is teaching His disciples a fundamental principle of the universe, that you reap what you sow!** (Gal 6:7,8) *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. [8] For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*
- **If you are giving out love in little drops, love will come back to you in little drops.** If you are giving out love by the bucketful, it is going to come back to you by the bucketful! Whatever measure you use, that is the way it is going to come back. It is just the law of reciprocity. Just the return.

Luk 6:39 *And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?"*

- **The last person to help a blind person is another blind person.** With regard to a person addicted to sin, it is impossible to help a person who is deeply into sin, if we are addicted to the same kind of sin.

Luk 6:40 *A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.*

- **That is the whole issue, to be like Jesus!** If you will be complete, you will be like your Master. We become like what we worship! If you worship Christ, you will become like Him!
- **We become like what we worship. What am I worshipping? Is my life becoming more and more like Christ?**

Luk 6:41 *And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye?*

- **Judgmentalism is intrinsically hypocritical, assuming the one who judges is not guilty.** Often behind the presumed guilt is a shield to his own guilt.

Luk 6:42 *Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.*

- **We are so prone to coddle ourselves in our little faults.** It is all right if I do it, but don't you do it?

- **We hate to see our weaknesses in someone else.** We are so skillful. We think in taking the sliver out of our brother's eye but in reality we have got this four by twelve in our own eye. First, take the beam out of your own eye and then you will be able to see clearly to take the sliver out. You hypocrites!

A Tree and Its Fruit

Luk 6:43-45 *"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. [44] For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. [45] A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

- **What is the fruit of your life? Is it love? Is it kindness? Is it graciousness? Merciful? Or is there anger? Is there judgment? Is there condemnation?** This is the fruit about which He is talking. A good tree brings forth good fruit. Bad trees bring forth bad fruit. **A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good fruit!**
- **And an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil:** for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. What is in your heart is often revealed by what you say in the unguarded moments. Many times, we are cultured enough to guard what we say.
- **What fruit is coming forth out of my life? Is it abundant and good fruit?**

Build Your House on the Rock

Luk 6:46 *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?*

- **Simply obey Him!** We are not just to say these as wonderful platitudes. You need to do them. (*Jas 1:22-24*) *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; [24] for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. Immediately he forgets what was revealed there in the mirror.*
- **But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?** Just calling Him Lord, Lord, is not going to help you, **unless you do** the things He says. (*Mat 25:11*) *"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' (Mat 7:22-23) Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' [23] And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' You call Me Lord, Lord, but you weren't obeying the things that I said.*

Luk 6:47 *Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:*

Luk 6:48 *He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock (idiom of Christ).*

- **This is the man who hears the word and obeys, who does it.**

Luk 6:49 *But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."*

- **The importance of the foundation in our lives.** Built upon the Rock, Jesus Christ, a complete trust in Him. No confidence in ourselves or in our own flesh but **our trust is in Him, the Rock!** I build my house, my faith on Him. It is reflected, manifested in my doing the things that He commands.
- **Because if you hear it and you say, Oh yes, that is right, that is good, oh yes,** I think a person should do that. That is a good thing, yes. But if you do not do it, it is a deceptive thing because you say, Yes, I believe that, yes I believe you should love your enemies. But if you hate them, then when the real test comes, the house is going to fall! Because there is no real foundation there in Christ. You have to dig deep, laying the foundation in Him! Then it will follow, the works, the doing of the things He said! **On what foundation is my worldview built?**

SUMMARY

- **How open am I to noticing and acknowledging the person with the greatest need as Jesus always did?** (Luk 6:7)
- **Do we ever spend all night in prayer? Jesus did and He was the Son of God!** (Luk 6:12)
- **How important are riches to me now? How do they compare in importance to my humility? My being poor in spirit?** (Luk 6:20)
- **We become like what we worship. What am I worshipping?** (Luk 6:40)
- **What fruit is coming forth out of my life? Is it abundant and good?** (Luk 6:45)
- **On what foundation is my world view built?** (Luk 6:49)

CLOSING SONG – (Luk 6:48) *He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.*

ONLY KING FOREVER – Elevation Worship (3:39/3:42)

*Our God, a **firm foundation** Our **rock**, the only solid ground As nations rise and fall Kingdoms once strong now shaken But we trust forever in your name The name of Jesus We trust the name of Jesus*

[Chorus] You are the only King forever Almighty God we lift You higher You are the only King forever Forevermore, you are victorious (2X)

Unmatched in all your wisdom In love and justice you will reign Every knee will bow We bring our expectations Our hope is anchored in your name The name of Jesus We trust the name of Jesus We trust the name of Jesus

[Chorus] You are the only King forever Almighty God we lift You higher You are the only King forever Forevermore, you are victorious (2X)

We lift our banner high We lift the name of Jesus From age to age you reign Your kingdom has no end (2X)

[Chorus] You are the only King forever Almighty God we lift You higher You are the only King forever Forevermore, you are victorious (2X)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study *Luke Chapter 7!* Note and compare the four responses in Capernaum.