

The Gospel of Luke

Lesson 13

In the previous lesson, we saw Jesus contrast “blessings” with “woes.” Looking at his disciples, He said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets” (Luke 6:20-26).

In this lesson, we will see Jesus continue to draw a sharp distinction between the ways of the world and the ways of God. As you prepare to study, ask God to give you not only insight and understanding into his ways and Word but also a desire to do that which is pleasing in his sight, that you might grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Love Your Enemies

1. Read Luke 6:27-49. How would you outline or subdivide this passage of Scripture? What subtitles would you use?

2. Define:

A. Hear

B. Love

C. Enemy

D. Mercy

E. Judge

F. Condemn

G. Parable

3. Read Luke 6:27-34.

A. From 1 Kings 19:11-13, Luke 6:46, John 10:2-5 and Hebrews 3:7-19, what does it mean to “hear”?

B. Read Luke 6:27-31.

(1) List the seven aspects of unconditional love that Jesus mentions in these verses.

(2) What is the implied attitude that we are to have?

(3) From 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, what else do you learn about love?

C. Read Luke 6:32-34. How are the seven aspects of unconditional love (true righteousness) contrasted with the ways of the world found in these verses?

4. Read Romans 12:17-21.

A. How is this passage like Luke 6:27-34?

B. How is it different?

5. Read Luke 6:35-36.

A. What else are we commanded to do?

B. What is to be our attitude as we follow this command?

C. What is the promised result?

D. Why are we to do this?

E. From verse 36:

(1) What do we learn about God?

(2) From Scripture, can you cite other examples of this characteristic of God?

(3) What are we to do because of this characteristic of God?
How might this be accomplished?

6. Read Luke 6:37-37 and Galatians 6:7. What is the universal principle found in these passages?

7. Read Luke 6:39-49. In many ways, Jesus comments and expands upon the universal principle stated in Luke 6:37-37 and Galatians 6:7.

A. Summarize the main points He is making.

B. What will be the ultimate outcome of our hearing/applying the counsel of Jesus? Of rejecting His word to us?