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## The Woe Attitudes

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**In the Gospel According to Luke** (AD 60-61), Luke, a gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Capernaum and the Galilee region became Jesus' unofficial ministry headquarters. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, sharing scripture and teaching. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly shared the Kingdom of God. On this occasion, Luke shares what Jesus said about the actions, character, and motives of people that reject Him and subsequent spiritual consequences.

*“But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.” (Luke 6:24-26 NASB)*

**Be Attitudes.** In prior verses (Lk 6:20-23) Jesus describes 4 actions, attitudes and conditions of His followers and the subsequent blessings to be received. Luke records that Jesus is talking to His disciples, and tells them that His followers are 'blessed', possessing the favor of God, and uses a personal pronoun "you". A similar message is shared in Matthew 5:1-12, and Matthew uses the terms "are the" and "are those" when describing the blessed. Comparing the two gospel passages certainly reveals a greater spiritual need rather than a physical or economic problem. Luke shares contrasting examples of what Jesus taught on attitudes and conditions; some would be blessings and others warnings of woes or destruction. The second 4 attitudes, conditions or woes are for those not following Jesus and the consequences received. The summary is woe to those that are self satisfied and reject God.

**Woe Attitudes - Rich.** Jesus first describes those that are rich. Again, Jesus is not addressing an economic position but rather a lack of understanding and recognition of spiritual impoverishment, a lack of need and rejection of Christ. Thinking that they have it all and it is due to their efforts, these people are spiritually poor and are receiving their comfort in full.

**Woe Attitude - Well Fed.** Similarly the 'well fed' refer to people who fail to understand their need and do not seek the righteousness of God. They have a lack of hunger for God and a relationship with Him. They are full of self-satisfaction and self-focus. They shall be spiritually hungry.

**Woe Attitude – Laugh Carelessly.** These people have a lack of understanding that this world has pain, sorrow, and sadness. These people are content with their current lives and flippant about God and His Holiness, Power and Righteousness. Mourning and tears will subsequently follow them.

**Woe Attitude – Praised by People.** These people attempt to promote self glory and look for satisfaction from people. They are prideful and fully content with selfish and self achieved accomplishments. These people fail to follow, serve and promote Christ. These people are receiving their praise in full.

### For Your Consideration:

- Have you recognized your spiritual impoverishment?
- Have you recognized your spiritual hunger and have you sought the righteousness of God through Jesus the Messiah and Christ to satisfy that hunger?
- Do you seek your praise from people or God?

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