

# COME AND TAKE IT: A Blessed Fight

LUKE 6:20-26

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## Following Jesus is a Blessed Fight Through Pain and to Ultimate Gain:

### 1. Fight for Security in Poverty (20, 24).

- a. Not all Poverty is Blessing.
- b. Jesus Partnership is Blessing.
- c. Wealth Profaning is Blessing.

### 2. Fight for Satisfaction in Pain (21, 25a).

- a. Satisfaction is Evasive.
- b. Satisfaction is Self-denial.
- c. Satisfaction is Guaranteed.

...to be Continued Next Sunday

### **Luke 6:20–26**

*And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:*

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

*<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.*

*“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.*

*<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.*

*<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.*

*<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.*

*“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.*

*<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. (ESV)*

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### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How do money and possessions create problems and spiritual obstacles in your life? Why are we so tempted to hide in our financial resources? What are some ways we can profane the idol of wealth?
2. We tend to seek satisfaction in all the wrong places. What would it look like to trust Jesus in his promise that poverty and hunger are the way to a blessed life? What does self-denial look like for you?
3. How do we discern if we have aligned ourselves with the powers of this world and insulated ourselves from the problems in the world?

#### **Quote for the Week. . .**

**by Jerry Bridges**



*“The contented person experiences the sufficiency of God’s provision for his needs and the sufficiency of God’s grace for his circumstances. He believes God will indeed meet all his material needs and that He will work in all his circumstances for his good. That is why Paul could say, “Godliness with contentment is great gain.” The godly person has found what the greedy or envious or discontented person always searches for but never finds. He has found satisfaction and rest in his soul.”*

*Jerry Bridges, The Practice of Godliness, NavPress, 1996, p. 85-86.*