

# COME AND TAKE IT: A Blessed Fight – Part 2

LUKE 6:20-26

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## ***Embrace the Pains And Rest in the Promises***

1. Fight for Security in Poverty (20, 24).
2. Fight for Satisfaction in Pain (21, 25a).
3. Fight for Sobriety in Prosperity (22b, 25b).
  - a. Laughter can be Inappropriate.
  - b. Sobriety is often a Biblical Response.
  - c. Biblical Sobriety ultimately Ends in Laughter.
4. Fight for Steadfastness in Persecution (22-23, 26).
  - a. Don't Deserve Persecution.
  - b. Rejoice in your Rewards Reversed.
  - c. Rejoice in your Community Revealed.

## **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. Much of this sermon dealt with when laughter is inappropriate. When are some moments we're tempted to laugh, but instead, we ought to weep for the culture and ourselves?
2. How can our tears eventually be turned into laughter? How are we able to laugh in the face of unimaginable pain?
3. Verse 22 uses four words for our rejection: hate, exclude, revile, and spurn. Those are not exciting things to experience as a Christian. We all tend to run from all forms of those words. How can we be good soldiers and embrace the pain of such hardship?

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

**by John Foxe**

*"After the respite, the Christians again came under persecution, this time from Marcus Aurelius, in A.D. 61. One of those who suffered this time was Polycarp, the venerable bishop of Smyrna... As he entered the stadium with his guards, a voice from heaven was heard to say, "Be strong, Polycarp, and play the man." No one nearby saw anyone speaking but many people heard the voice. Brought before the tribunal and the crowd, Polycarp refused to deny Christ, although the proconsul begged him to "consider yourself and have pity on your great age. Reproach Christ and I will release you." Polycarp replied, "Eighty-six years I have served Him, and He never once wronged me. How can I blaspheme my King, who saved me?" Threatened with wild beasts and fire, Polycarp stood his ground."*

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