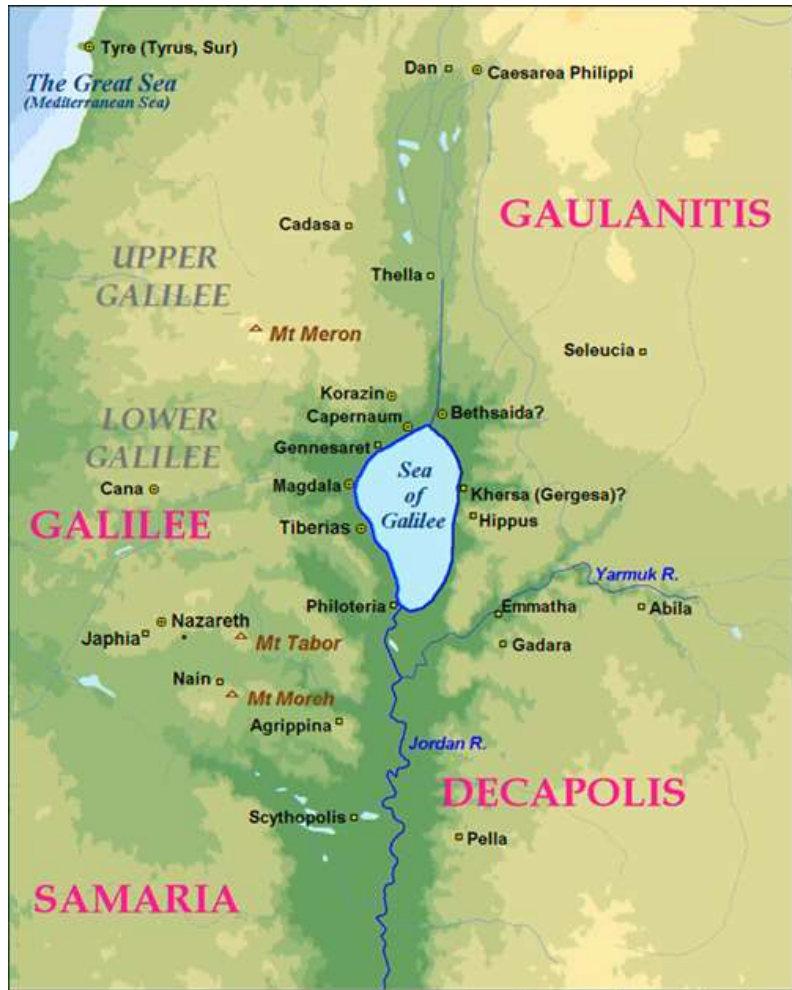




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Luke 6:17-19

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Galilean Ministry of Jesus



Location of Sermon on the Mount.

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Some say good health is the most important thing.



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 people 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 ancestors treated the prophets.

Luke 6:20 - 23

The BE-attitudes

Note:- Jesus speaks with authority – a declaration to be the Messiah!

Looking

– seeing things differently from God’s perspective!

right way up
upside down



- **“Looking at his disciples”** – speaking to his own
- **“Blessed”** - the most fortunate people
- **“are”** (present tense assumed in Greek here) - NOW

You who are poor –



not just poor in general,
nor poverty in particular



“holy ones”

cf. Matthew’s expansion “poor in spirit”
2nd temple period meaning = hasidim =

People who are empty of self-sufficiency etc.

for yours is the kingdom of God

*(Matthew uses term Kingdom of heaven – Jewish use)
Some suggest - ‘God’ local ‘heaven’ over all*

Why are the 'holy ones' blessed ?



for yours is the kingdom of God

*We are ALREADY possessors of the Kingdom blessings –
eg. forgiveness, sonship, promises of salvation blessings*

Starting now – more to come – final consummation !!

Blessed are you who hunger now,



for you will be satisfied.



Do you think Jesus is talking about food?

Matthew adds – “hungry for righteousness”

Do you long to live for God ?

How will we be satisfied? (Rom.5:1, Hebrews 12:22)

Blessed are you who weep now,



for you will laugh.



What makes them weep now ?

When will it end? Psalm 126, Rev. 21:4

Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, **because of the Son of Man**.



Who is this and what is happening?

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It's proof you are in the right group!

Why does Jesus compare you to the prophets?

There are some in the crowd who need to hear a different message



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 everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Luke 6: 24 - 26

But woe to you ...

How sad!, What a terrible state!



He doesn't say "cursed"

It's not the opposite of the word Jesus uses for "blessed"



rich, ... you have already
received your comfort.

**If it's not about money,
what does Jesus mean?**

Rev.3:17



well fed now, ..
you will go hungry.

**If it's not about food,
what does Jesus mean?**

Luke 12:18

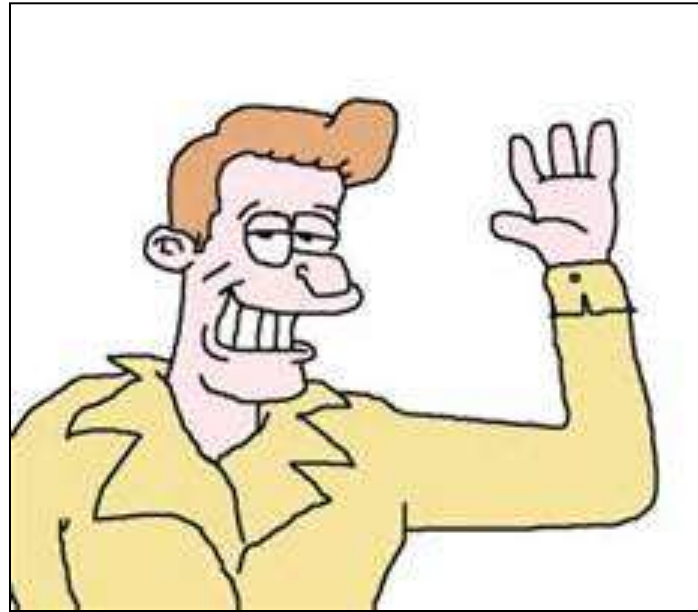


laugh now, ... you will
mourn and weep.

Why is he going to cry?

1 Cor. 15:32

The Popular Guy !



everyone speaks well of you,
... that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

**What's your choice – Popularity in the losing crowd
Or present challenges on the victory side?**