

The Gospel of Luke

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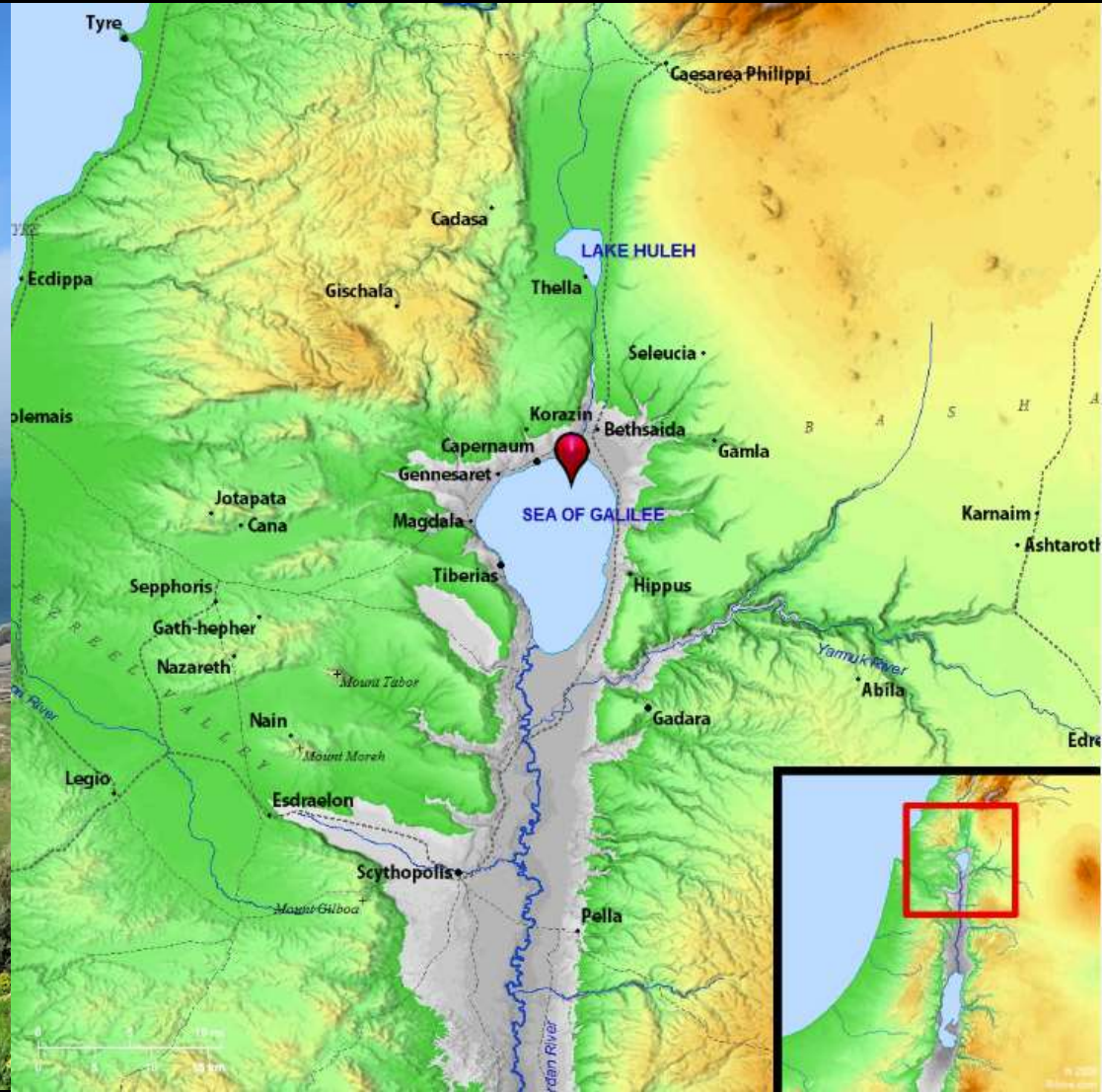
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¹ And it came to pass on the second sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands.

² And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?

Luke 6:1-2

³ And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungred, and they which were with him;

⁴ How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?

⁵ And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Luke 6:3-5

Roots in Eden

- “Clean” and “Unclean” Gen 7:2,8
- The Kinsman-Redeemer Gen 3:15
- Substitutionary Atonement Gen 3:21
- The Sabbath Gen 2:2,3

The Sabbath

- *And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.* Genesis 2:3
- *Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.* Exodus 20:8

The Sabbath

- Established here Gen 2:2,3
- Practiced before the giving of the Ten Commandments:
 - Manna not collected on 7th day Ex 16:22-28
 - Commandments given at Sinai Ex 20:8-11

The Institution of the Sabbath

- The Sabbath becomes distinctive of Israel
Ex 20:2, 8-11; Deut 4:13; 5:2-21
- Mosaic Laws concerning the Sabbath
Ex 35:2,3; Lev 23:3; 26:34; et al;
Isa 56:2,4,6; 58:13,14; Jer 17:20-22; Ne 13:19
 - Kindling a fire on the Sabbath was forbidden Ex 25:3
 - The penalty for profaning the Sabbath by doing any work on it was death Ex 31:14-17
- However,
 - Priests carried on their duties about the Tabernacle
Lev 24:8; Num 28:9, 10
 - The Temple was full of activities
1 Chr 9:32; 23:31; 2 Chr 2:4; 8:13; 23:4; 31:3
 - The rite of circumcision was performed if it was the 8th day after the child's birth
Lev 12:3; Jn 7:22

Abuses

- Isaiah condemned the hypocrisy of the worshipers
Isa 1:12, 13
 - He defined true Sabbath keeping as turning from one's own ways and own pleasures and taking delight in the Lord
Isa 58:13, 14
 - Other prophets also raised their protests against the abuse of the Sabbath
Jer 17:21, 22; Ezek 22:8; Amos 8:4
 - The destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity of the Jews as due to their desecration of the Sabbath
Jer 17:27; Ezek 20:23, 24
 - Why were they in captivity for 70 years?
2 Chr 36:20, 21
- Ⓢ God takes His instructions for the Sabbath, and Sabbatical years, seriously*

The Exile

- Hosea predicted that God would make Israel's Sabbaths to cease because of her unfaithfulness
Hos 2:11
 - not meant to be permanent
Isa 66:23;
Ezek 44:24; 46:1ff
- Nehemiah's reforms
Neh 13:15-22
 - many chose to die rather than desecrate the Sabbath, even for self-defense. 1 Macc 2:41
- However, as the rules multiplied, so did the ruses to circumvent them:
You can't legislate devotion

Sabbath in the New Testament

- Jesus' custom was to attend the synagogue on the Sabbath Lk 4:16; Mk 1:21; 3:1; Lk 13:10
- Jesus taught the authority and validity of the OT Law Mt 5:17-20; 15:1-6; 19:16-19; 22:35-40; Lk 16:17
- His emphasis was not on the external observance of the law, but on the spontaneous performance of the will of God which underlay the law Mt 5:21-48; 19:3-9

Six Conflicts

1. He defended His disciples for plucking grain on the Sabbath by alluding to the time when David and his men ate the bread of the Presence Mt 12:1-4; Mk 2:23-26; Lk 6:1-4
2. He also reminded His critics that the priests in the Temple profaned the Sabbath and were held guiltless Mt 12:5
3. He referred to circumcising a male on the Sabbath day
Lev 12:3; Jn 7:22, 23

Six Conflicts (con't)

4. Jesus expressed anger over those at Capernaum who showed more concern for the punctilious observance of the Sabbath than for a human being who was deprived of the use of a hand Mk 3:1-5; Mt 12:8-14
5. Likewise, Jesus rebuked the ruler of the synagogue, who became indignant when He healed a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for 18 years Lk 13:10-17
6. Jesus asserted His lordship over the Sabbath Mt 12:8; Mk 2:28; Lk 6:5

Seven Healings on the Sabbath

- 1) Demoniac, in Capernaum Mk 1:21-27
- 2) Peter's mother-in-law, in Capernaum Mk 1:29-31
- 3) Impotent Man, in Jerusalem Jn 5:1-9
- 4) Man with withered hand Mk 3:1-6; Mt 12:8-14
- 5) Woman bowed together Lk 13:10-17
- 6) Man with Dropsy Lk 14:1-6
- 7) Man born blind Jn 9:1-14

Not all healings were on the Sabbath: healing
on Sunday, after the Sabbath: Mk 1:32

- The Sabbath was made for man;
not man for the Sabbath

Mark 2:27

- Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

Matt 12:8;

Paul and the Sabbath

- The Sabbath and festivals, are declared to be “only a shadow of what is to come”
Col 2:16, 17
- To “observe days, and months, and seasons, and years” is to be slaves to “the weak and beggarly elemental spirits”
Gal 4:9, 10; Col 2:20
- The observance of days is a characteristic of “the man who is weak in faith”
Rom 14:1-6

Prophetic Implications

- Sabbaths will continue as a basis for worship in the Millennium Isa 66:22, 23
- In Ezekiel's Temple the gate to the inner court is closed 6 days, opened only on the Sabbath and the day of the new moon Ezek 46:1ff

Prophetic Implications

²² For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

²³ And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 66:22-23

Prophetic Implications

¹ Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

Ezek 46:1

So Where are we?

- There are no grounds for *imposing* the Sabbath on the Christian, who is free from the burden of the law's demands. The Spirit of Christ enables him to fulfill God's will apart from the external observances of the law.
- The writer of Hebrews alludes to the Sabbath as a type of "God's rest," which is an inheritance of all the people of God

Heb 4:1-11

*We are urged, in a larger sense, to
"strive to enter that rest"...*

6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

Luke 6:6-8

⁹ Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?

¹⁰ And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

¹¹ And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

Luke 6:9-11

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

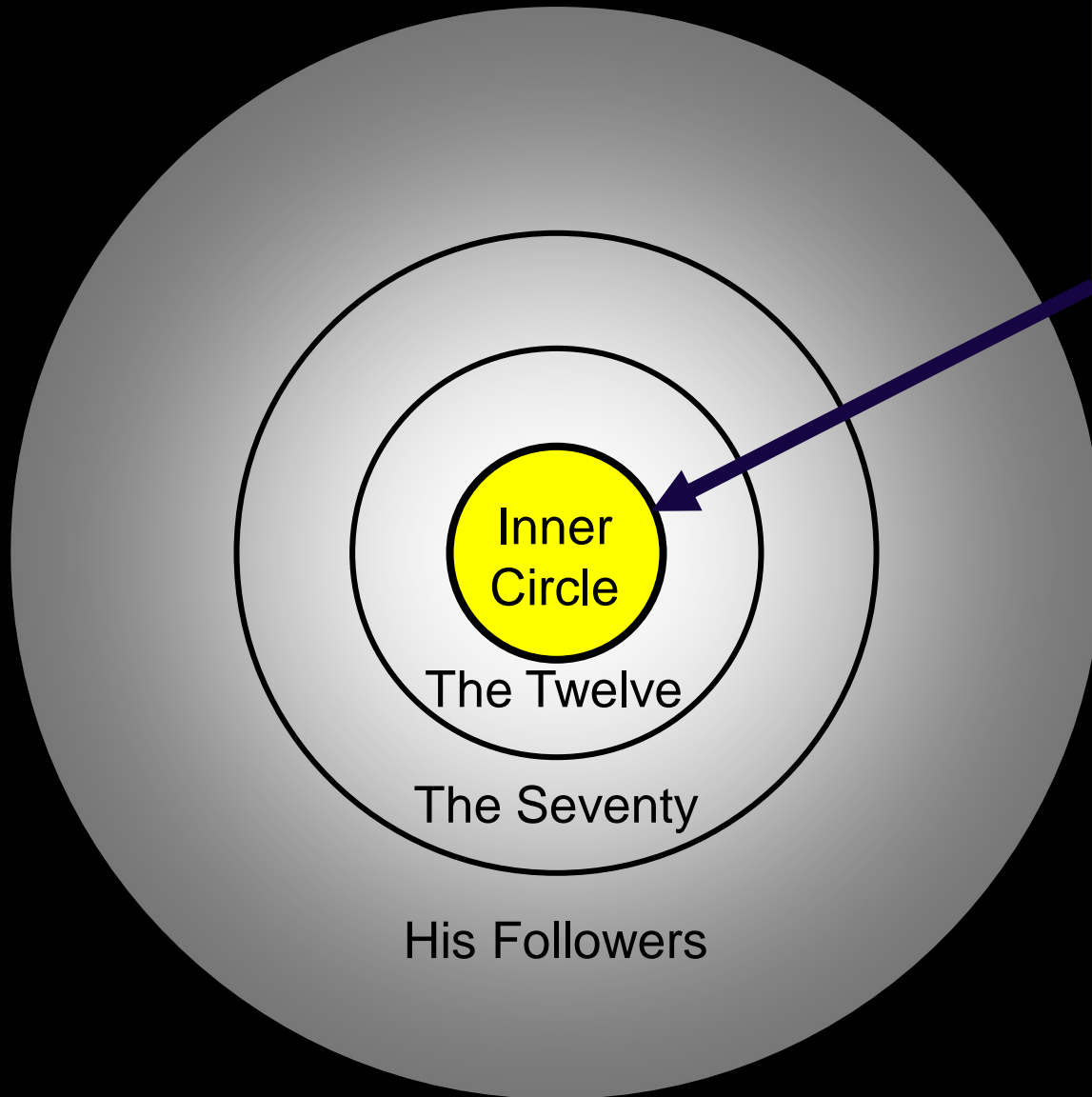
Luke 6:12-13

14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

15 Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,

16 And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

Luke 6:14-16



Jairus' Daughter
Transfiguration
Gethsemane
Olivet Discourse

Inner
Circle

The Twelve

The Seventy

His Followers

17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Luke 6:17-18

¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

Luke 6:19

Mt. of Beatitudes



Christ's Major Discourses

- 1) **Sermon on the Mount** Matt 5–7 / Luke 6
 - The Manifesto of the Kingdom
- 2) **Mystery Parables Discourse** Matt 13 / Luke 8
 - The direction that the Kingdom of heaven will take after Christ's rejection
- 3) **Olivet Discourse** Matt 24–25 / Luke 21
 - Prophetic
- 4) **Upper Room Farewell Address** John 14-17
 - New relationships in view of Christ's death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession

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Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled.
Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Luke 6:20-21

- **“Poor in spirit”** v.20
 - Our attitude toward ourselves in which we feel our need and admit it
- **“Hunger (and thirst)”** v.21
 - Here our attitude toward God is expressed; we receive His righteousness by faith because we ask for it.
- **“Weep / Mourn”** v.21
 - Our attitude toward sin, a true sorrow for sin

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Luke 6:20-21

Neither be thou envious

“Queen Elizabeth (the first) envied the milk maid when she was in prison; but if she had known what a glorious reign she should have had afterwards for 44 years, she would not have envied her. And as little needeth a godly man, though in misery, to envy a wicked man in the ruff of all his prosperity and jollity, considering what he hath in hand, much more what he hath in hope”. – John Trapp

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Luke 6:20-21

- Why should we weep and mourn now?
- Because of sin.
- The whole world has been subjected to the effects of the fall – [Romans 8:20-22](#)
- A sure sign we are growing in grace is that we begin to see sin as God sees it. ([Read Leviticus!](#))

Our Attitude toward sin

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Our Attitude toward sin

“Which do you think is greater? The moral distance that separates us from the most monstrous of Nazis? Or that which separates us from God? It is that which separates us from God. The first separation is finite. But the second is infinite. So, what we see as the slightest of sins within ourselves appears, in the eyes of Him who is absolute goodness, even more abhorrently evil than the crimes of the Nazis appear to us. In the light of the absolute Good, our lust becomes as adultery and our hatred as murder.”

- Jonathan Cahn

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Luke 6:20-21

4 *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be
comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

The Welcome that Awaits

- *“When we should come home and enter the possession of our Brother’s (Jesus’) fair Kingdom,*
- *and when our heads shall find the weight of the eternal crown of glory,*
- *and when we shall look back to pains and sufferings;*
- *then shall we see life and sorrow to be less than one step or stride from a prison to glory; and that our little inch of time-suffering is not worthy of our first night's welcome home to heaven*

- Samuel Rutherford (1600-1661)

Look to that which Awaits!

- *“I wonder many times that ever a child of God should have a sad heart, considering what their Lord is preparing for them”.*
- *“Go up before hand and see your lodging. Look through all your Father’s rooms in Heaven; in your Father's house are many dwelling-places. Men take a sight of lands before they buy them. I know that Christ has made the bargain already: but be kind to the house you are going, and see it often.”*

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22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

Luke 6:22-24

25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger.
Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!
for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Luke 6:25-26

- This is a frightening indictment on the world's love of sin and 'pleasure'!
- The world laughs and mocks the righteous, seeing no need of righteousness in their lives.
- But the day is coming when the thoughts and intents of every heart will be revealed
 - Heb 4:13 / Eph 5:13 / Rom 2:16

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies,
do good to them which hate you,

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which
despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer
also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke
forbid not to take thy coat also.

Luke 6:27-29

- **“Peacemakers”**

Matt 5:9

- We should bring peace,
between people and God, and
between those who are at odds with each other

- **“Persecuted”**

Matt 5:10

- All who live godly lives will suffer persecution

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Luke 6:1-30-31

“Give to those who ask, and God will control who come” - Oswald Chambers

“Duncan MacGregor's most significant influence on Chambers during these years, however, was his daily life.

“I never knew him in a controversy in my life”, Chamber's said “He always let the other man have it all his way”.

“I have known him to be defrauded over and over again; but I never knew him to be defrauded without knowing it”.

– Abandoned to God – David McCasland

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same

Luke 6:1-32-33

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Luke 6:34-35

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 6:36

- **“Merciful”**

v.7

- We have a forgiving spirit and love others

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 6:37-38

The Sermon on the Mount

“Fancy coming to men and women with defective lives and defiled hearts and wrong mainsprings, and telling them to be pure in heart! What is the use of giving us an ideal we cannot possibly attain? We are happier without it. If Jesus is a Teacher only, then all He can do is to tantalise us by erecting a standard we cannot come anywhere near. But if by being born again from above we know Him first as Saviour, we know that He did not come to teach us only: He came to make us what He teaches we should be. The Sermon on the Mount is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is having His way with us”. Oswald Chambers

The Sermon on the Mount

- The sermon on the mount raises the teaching of the Law to the n^{th} degree
- It takes you to the heart behind the Law

The Weakness of the Law

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit

Romans 8:3,4

“The Sermon on the Mount”

“The Sermon on the Mount produces despair in the heart of the natural man, and that is the very thing Jesus means it to do, because immediately we reach the point of despair we are willing to come to Jesus Christ as paupers and receive from Him. “Blessed are the poor in spirit”—that is the first principle of the Kingdom”

Oswald Chambers

“The Sermon on the Mount”

“As long as we have a conceited, self-righteous idea that we can do the thing if God will help us, God has to allow us to go on until we break the neck of our ignorance over some obstacle, then we will be willing to come and receive from Him. The bed-rock of Jesus Christ’s Kingdom is poverty, not possession; not decisions for Jesus Christ, but a sense of absolute futility, “I cannot begin to do it.” Then, says Jesus, “Blessed are you.”

Oswald Chambers

39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

Luke 6:39-40

41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye

Luke 6:41-42

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Luke 6:43-45

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

Luke 6:46-48

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Luke 6:49

Asking The Impossible

Jesus Christ demands that the heart of a disciple be fathomlessly pure, and unless He can give me His disposition, His teaching is tantalising. If all He came to do was to mock me by telling me to be what I know I never can be, I can afford to ignore Him, but if He can give me His own disposition of holiness, then I begin to see how I can lay my account with purity. Jesus Christ is the sternest and the gentlest of Saviours.

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