“Sacred Paradoxes”

(Luke 6:20-26)

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Introduction

Paradox defined: The differences between the sermon on the mount in Matthew and the sermon on the plain in Luke

1. Having nothing now, but having everything then
2. Being hungry now, but satisfied then
3. Weeping now, yet laughing then
4. Persecuted now, but rewarded then

Other paradoxes

1. Matthew 16:24-27
2. Matthew 20:25-28
3. Matthew 20:16
4. John 12:24-26

Reasons for poverty

1. Laziness

2. Hedonism

3. Stubbornness

4. Oppressive governments

5. Fraud, usury, scams, etc.

6. Disaster

7. Providence

Blessed defined:

1. Blessed are the poor

2. Blessed are the hungry

3. Blessed are those who weep

4. Blessed are the persecuted

Your worst life is now, it will only get better then!

“The happiness of ‘everything minus Jesus’ is temporary

The joy of ‘Jesus plus nothing’ is eternal” Christ-Centered Community

2 Corinthians 6:4-10

“Not grace to bar what is not bliss,

Nor flight from all distress but this;

The grace that orders our trouble and pain,

And then, in the darkness, is there to sustain.

Grace does not prevent pain, but orders, and

arranges, and measures out our pain.

Grace will one day banish all pain.” John Piper

Woe defined:

1. Woe to you who are rich

2. Woe to you who are well-fed

3. Woe to you who laugh now

4. Woe to you well-spoken of

Your best life is now…it will only get worse.

Luke 16:19-31

Conclusions

Westminster Confession on the Last Judgment, Paragraph 3

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 58