

We will now begin the sixth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /At this time we will begin with Luke chapter 6. /Verses 1-11 tell us about the problem with the Sabbath day. /The Pharisees added detailed regulations within the law and forbid the cutting of grain on the Sabbath.

/It was not unlawful for high priests to eat kernels of grain on the Sabbath. /However, the Pharisees picked a fight with this. /The Pharisees considered heredity more important than the commandments.

/Thus, the Pharisees criticized Jesus and said that it was wrong for Jesus' disciples to eat kernels of grain. /Jesus responded to this situation with an example. /He told the story about how David ate the consecrated bread from the house of God.

/David reached a place called "Nob" when he was running away from King Saul. /Then he entered the temple there and ate the consecrated bread that only priests were allowed to eat. /However, the Bible did not call that a sin. /This was because this happened in the temple.

/This also happened for God's nation of Israel. /This happened so that David would carry out God's will.

/In verse 5, Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. /"Lord of the Sabbath" means that Jesus is Lord of Sundays. /The Lord Jesus rules over the Sabbath. /Hence, Jesus wants to give us true rest.

/Jesus came to this earth to give us rest. /Therefore, believers must find rest in Jesus Christ. /Serving God in the world of rest is to have true faith.

/In the Old Testament times, the Sabbath day was Saturday. /In the New Testament, it was changed to Sunday. /Hebrews 7:18 says that the former regulation when the Sabbath day was Saturday was weak and set aside. /The Lord allowed us to keep Sundays as the Sabbath in a new regulation.

/In Matthew 28:1, /Jesus resurrected from the dead on a Sunday. /The Holy Spirit came at the Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. /The Holy Spirit came at the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. /That day was a Sunday. /The Father God also gave the revelation on a Sunday. /Revelation 1:10.

/On Sundays, the Trinity Father God, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit /give new life and grace of God's Word. /That is why the old law of keeping Saturdays as the Sabbath in the Old Testament was abolished.

/Now, keeping Sundays as the Sabbath is keeping the fourth commandment. /Keeping Sundays is a sign of spiritual rest that God gives us. /On Sunday, our bodies must rest, /and our spirits must rest as well. /On Sundays, God gives us a special grace of spiritual rest.

/In verses 6-7, /a man with a shriveled hand came into the synagogue. /The teachers of the law and the Pharisees did not have compassion on the man. /They did not even want the man to be healed of his sickness. /Instead, the Pharisees looked for a reason to accuse Jesus. /They watched closely to see if Jesus was going to heal the man on the Sabbath.

/In verses 8-9, Jesus knew their thoughts but was not afraid. /Then Jesus stood the man with the shriveled hand in the middle of the synagogue. /Then Jesus taught the people that it is right to do good and save lives on the Sabbath.

/It is right to do good on the Sabbath day. /It is right to save lives. /It is right to lift people out of spiritual darkness. /It is all right to do good on the Sabbath. /However, it is sin to do good for oneself in selfishness on the Sabbath.

/In verses 10-11, the man's shriveled hand was completely healed by Jesus' words. /The Pharisees who saw Jesus' power were not astonished. /They were not thankful that the man was healed. /Rather, they were furious and discussed with one another how they could kill Jesus.

/In verses 12-16, Jesus called the twelve disciples. /Jesus went to a mountainside and spent the night praying to God. /Jesus prayed so that He would choose disciples who would fit with God's will. /Today when we choose leaders and workers in the church, we must pray a lot.

/We must pray that people will be chosen according to God's will. /In Matthew 10:1-7, /Jesus gave His disciples that power to drive out demons. /Jesus gave authority to the disciples to heal sicknesses.

/Thus the disciples went and preached the gospel. /There is authority in everyone who preaches the gospel. /Therefore, we too must receive this authority and preach the gospel for the advancement of the Lord's kingdom.

/In verses 14-16 are the names of Jesus' twelve disciples. /The names of the twelve disciples are listed in four places in the Bible. /Matthew 10:2-4 /Mark 3:16-18 /Luke 6:14-16 /Acts 1:3

/“Simon the Zealot” /is called Simon the Canaanite /in Matthew 10:4. /“Zealot” is Greek. /“Canaan” is Hebrew. /It means “zealous.” /He was a Zealot, /and he became Jesus' disciple.

/However, why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot? /It was to show that there would be unchosen people among church leaders in future generations. /It was also to show that the unchosen are used in God's salvation movement.

/It was to show that God loves both the chosen and unchosen until the time of harvest. /In John 13:18 /and Psalm 41:9, /it says it was so that it would be done as the Bible says. /It

was also to show that the end of lawbreakers are pitiful.

/In verses 17-19, /Jesus healed the sick. /Many people heard about Jesus and came to Jesus. /Many people came to hear Jesus teach /and to be healed of sicknesses. /Many people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon came.

/There was power in Jesus to heal the people. /Therefore, the demon-possessed /and those who suffered from sicknesses /all tried to touch Jesus. /Hence, many people were healed by Jesus' power. /Today, when believers seek Jesus, /they will be strengthened with His power and defeat the devil /and be healed of spiritual illnesses.

/Verses 20-23 /speak of four types of blessings. /Jesus spoke about four types of blessings /and first, the poor would be blessed. /The four types of blessings here are spiritual blessings. /They are eternal blessings that are in heaven.

/In Matthew 5:3, Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." /Thus, "you who are poor" here refer to those who are "poor in spirit." /Those who are poor in spirit yearn for spiritual things. /They desperately seek and ask.

/Those who sow for their flesh /will reap rotten things. /Those who seek spiritual things /will reap eternal life through the Holy Spirit. /Galatians 6:8

/Second, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be blessed. /How can we walk down the road of righteousness? /How can we live according to God's will? /We must have such hearts when we seek God. /Those who hunger, /thirst, and yearn for God's righteousness /will be blessed.

/It says that then we will be satisfied. /When we desperately yearn for righteousness, /God will help us and we will achieve righteousness. /Then at that time, we will be satisfied with Christ's righteousness. /We will also be satisfied for achieving righteousness. /The purpose for why believers live in this world /is to believe and achieve righteousness.

/Third, those who weep now will be blessed. /In Matthew 5:4 it says, /blessed are those who mourn. /Those who mourn will receive God's comfort, and will eventually laugh.

/What must we mourn for? /We must mourn for our sins. /We must mourn that our characters have not been made according to God's Word. /We must mourn for not being able to enter the spiritual world.

/We do not weep for the things of the world, /but we must weep for the spiritual things. /It says, "you will laugh." /When we weep because of our sins, /there will be joy in receiving forgiveness of sins. /Also, when we weep because something did not come true according to God's Word, /it will eventually come true according to God's Word.

/When we weep because we did not enter the spiritual world, /we will eventually enter

the spiritual world. /Then we will receive comfort in heaven and laugh with joy. /There is joy in the world of truth after we pass the mourning stage. /This is just as there is resurrection after the cross.

/Fourth, /those who are hated, excluded, and insulted by men because of Jesus will be blessed. /The reason is /that they were hated and insulted /because they followed God's righteousness.

/We are insulted and persecuted /because we completely follow Jesus. /We also do not compromise with injustice. /We walk according to the Bible. /The forefathers of the people of Judah persecuted and hated true prophets.

/In verses 24-26 /are the four types of woes. /The first woe is on those who are rich. /These people are the opposite of those who are poor in spirit. /They do not know what it is like to be poor in spirit.

/They are satisfied with the materials in the world, /with religious ritualism, /and businesses, /and believe they are rich. /Because these people are satisfied with the things of the world, /they will not receive the spiritual things /and they cannot receive spiritual things. /When the things of the world disappear, /they too will be ruined. /This is their woe.

/The second woe /in verse 25 is on those who are full. /This is the opposite of those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. /They do not seek righteousness, truth, of God's will, /but are full in spirit and full in attitude. /They will eventually go hungry. /They will become more and more hungry. /This is their woe.

/The third woe /in verse 25 is on those who laugh now. /This is the opposite of those who mourn. /They are those who laugh with physical pleasures /and success in religious businesses. /They will /mourn and weep when /the things of the world and physical things go away. /They will also mourn before God's judgment. /This is their woe.

/The fourth woe /in verse 26 is on those who speak well of you. /The truth does not belong to everyone. /Most people defy the truth and live. /That is why those who are spoken well of by others /do not walk in the truth.

/The false prophets were like this. /The false prophets were spoken well of by many people. /They yielded the truth. /Thus, there was woe on these people. /In verses 27-36, /Jesus spoke about the laws of love.

/Read verses 27-28. /"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

/Those who have living faith have four qualities. /They love their enemies. /They are good to those who hate them. /They bless those who curse them. /They pray for those who mistreat them.

/This is because believers have been born again through God's Word. /The essence of the born again spirit is love. /Therefore, all who have been born again in spirit /love all others. /They have compassion on others and forgive others. /They bless others and do good.

/In verse 29 it says, /when someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. /To be slapped on both cheeks /is humanly insulting. /Even when we are insulted, /the works of life within us must not be taken away. /Even if we are slapped on both cheeks /and insulted, /we must not let communication with God be taken away.

/It also says that if someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. /This is a materialistic problem. /The tunic is /the least of the things we need in life. /It is an essential thing that we need to cover our bodies.

/However, to give even this up /means, do not let the works of spiritual life with God be taken away. /Thus, believers /can be slapped on the cheek or insulted, /or have materials be taken away from them, /or be violated of their human rights. /Even so, they must not let communication with God /or sanctification be taken away from them.

/Verse 30 says, /give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. /Those who give are more blessed than those who receive. /When we do good to others and give freely, /the love that we plant in others will never fade away.

/Read verse 31. /Do to others as you would have them do to you.

/This means to do to others first /as you would have them do to you. /When we want something from others, /we must first do it ourselves. /If we want something from others, /we must not simply ask them to do it /but we must do it first.

/Read verses 32-33. /"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that.

/Love for oneself /and doing good to oneself /is natural love. /This love comes from self-centeredness. /Immoral people who are treated like sinners /act this way. /However, believers are God's people. /We must shine the light of Christ on everyone.

/Read verse 34. /And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full.

/It is good to lend to others. /However, when we lend to others and expect repayment, /that is to give and receive, /which is to get back what was ours. /This goodness comes from self-centeredness. /Therefore, sacrificially doing good /is truly worthy.

/Read verse 35. /But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

/True love is to love our enemies whom we cannot love. /It is to do good to our enemies. /We must lend without expecting to get anything back. /Therefore, believers must not have broken relationships with others. /When believers have broken relationships with others, they have broken relationships with God as well.

/In this way, when our relationship with another person gets blocked, /then our relationship with God gets blocked as well. /Then we cannot receive spiritual gifts that come from God. /Therefore, we must love our enemies, /do good to them, /and lend without expecting to get anything back, /which is true faith. /It is to give with love. /This is how God's sons are. /This is how God's sons will be shaped in character.

/Read verse 36. /Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

/Believers become like God. /Our Father is merciful to both the good and wicked, and we must learn to be like this. /When we don't learn this, we cannot learn about God.

/Verses 37-38 say /do not judge. /We must not judge others /so that we would not be judged by God. /When we judge others, /we receive God's judgment. /Believers must love others. /We must cover up the faults of others and forgive them.

/Then we can receive God's mercy and forgiveness. /However, we can rebuke anything /that goes against the truth. /However, when something does not have a problem with the truth, we must be willing to forgive. /We must hate sin /and love the sinners, and love and have compassion on them.

/In verse 38, /when we give to others, /God will give it back to us. /A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be given to us. /God will first freely give us the spiritual things. /God will also freely give us material things.

/Therefore, when believers love others, /serve, /and evangelize, /we will be given more things. /When we give more, the Lord will give more back to us. /When we give little, the Lord will give us little.

/In verses 39-40, /Jesus spoke about a student and his teacher. /The "blind man" here is one who is spiritually blind. /He does not see the spiritual world /or know what it is. /He also does not know the truth of the Bible, /does not act according to it /but leads others, /which means that the blind leads the blind.

/In such a case, /the leader and the one who was led /will both fall into a pit. /The "teacher" in verse 40 /is Jesus. /The "student" is us believers. /In Matthew 10:24, /it says a student is not above his teacher.

/Jesus, who is our teacher, /served others. /The Lord sacrificed Himself /and gave salvation to all people. /If we believers want to be like Jesus, /we must be like Him.

/In verses 41-42, /Jesus talks about the speck of sawdust and the plank. /Jesus said, do not look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye, /but pay attention to the plank in your own eye. /The "speck of sawdust in your brother's eye" /refers to our brothers' wrongdoings.

/The "plank in your own eye" /refers to the corruption within us. /Believers must know that they have sin /as big as a plank in them. /We must strive to remove the plank.

/When believers point out the faults of others /but cannot see the corruption and evil within them, /they become hypocrites. /Therefore, believers must strive to remove the planks in them.

/We must be humble and sincere. /Then we can receive God's grace. /We must live upright lives by removing the planks within us daily. /Then we can become true believers.

/Then we can be like Christ. /Then we can help others become upright. /We must mold ourselves /so that we could help mold others. /We must first remove the plank in us /so that we could remove the speck of sawdust in others.

/Verses 43-45 /are about a tree and its fruit. /A good tree bears good fruit. /A bad tree bears bad fruit. /We can tell what kind of tree a tree is by looking at its fruit. /A fig tree bears figs /and a grapevine bears grapes.

/The things in people's hearts come out. /When someone stores up evil in their hearts, the evil will come out. /When someone stores up good in their hearts, the good will come out. /Therefore, we can tell what a person is like /through their actions.

/If a person's words and actions are good, then he is a good person. /If a person's words and actions are bad, then he is a bad person. /We can see who the false prophets are /through their words and actions.

/In verses 46-49, /Jesus talked about the wise and foolish builders. /Jesus rebuked those who called Him, "Lord, Lord," /but did not do as the Lord said. /Jesus gave a parable about those who hear His words and put His words into practice, /and those who do not put His words into practice.

/Jesus said that a man who heard God's Word and put it into practice /was like a man who built his house on rock. /However, the man who heard God's Word and did not put it into practice /was like a man who built his house on sand. /Whoever understands God's Word through his spirit /is like the one who built his house on rock.

/In Matthew 13:23, /it says the one who received the seed that fell on good soil /is the

man who hears the word and understands it, /and he produces a crop yielding a hundred, /sixty or /thirty times what was sown. /This is the house that is built on rock.

/However, the house that is built on sand /is the house of the man who did not understand God's Word /and did not bear fruit. /These people's hearts are like the path and rocky places. /There are those whose understanding of God's Word was snatched away from his heart, /and there are those who fell to troubles and persecutions, or worries of his life, /or temptations of wealth.

/In verse 48 it says, "When a flood came, the torrent struck that house." /This means that believers in this world receive many troubles and difficulties. /When we understand the truth in our spirits, /no troubles can get rid of it.

/However, /those who do not have deep understanding in their spirits /throw away the truth when troubles come. /This means that their house will fall. /Whoever understands God's Word /and obeys /will be like the wise man who built his house on rock.

/Those who do not understand cannot act. /Even if he does act momentarily, /he will fall /when troubles, persecutions, and temptations come.

/Those who have sure understanding /will not throw away the truth /no matter what troubles, /persecution or temptations come at him. /They will be like the man who built his house on rock. /Thus, they will not fall.

/With this we will conclude the lecture on Luke chapter 6. /Thank you.