

Luke 6:20-26

Heaven is a big bride

²⁰ Looking up at His disciples, Jesus said: "Blessed are you who are poor, because yours is the kingdom of God.
²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
²² Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and insult you, and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.
²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. Because their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.
²⁴ But woe to you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort.
²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, because you will hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep.
²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, because that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Luke 6:20-26 = parallelism
 Said: Saw: Rev.5:5-6
 Said: Saw: Rev.21:9-10 (God's will, v9) (Like a thief, v10) (Holiness reqd, v11) (Heaven and earth dissolve, v12) (New Heaven and New Earth, v13) 2 Pet.3:9-13
 12,000 stadia (Roman miles) = 2,220 km
1. Blessed are you who are Luke 6:20b
 The 12 gates were 12 pearls... the street of the city was pure gold... Rev.21:21
2. Blessed are you who Luke 6:21a
 Water of Life from the throne. Rev.22:1-2a
 Jesus offers living water to all. John 4:13-14
 The tree of life, bearing 12 crops. Rev.22:2b
 ...live by every word from God... Matt.4:4
3. Blessed are you who Luke 6:21b
 He will wipe every tear from their eye. Rev.21:4
 ...then I will know fully... 1 Corinthians 13:12
4. Blessed... when people Luke 6:22
 Cube 1 Ex.26:15-25
 Cube 2 1 Kings 6:20
 Cube 3 Rev.21:16-17
 No one detestable or false. Only... Rev.21:26-27
 You are
 But you must

My prayer priorities, 25 March 2018

This week's song selection

Heaven is in my heart | Jesus is alive. I believe | Mansion over the hilltop | I can only imagine | This Kingdom will know no end | When we all get to Heaven | Heaven came down and glory filled my soul | See Him coming on the clouds of Heaven

Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion

1. Why is the bride usually the centre of a wedding?
2. In grammar the term is 'metaphor'. The Lion is the Lamb is Jesus. And the bride is the holy city is believers. What are some terms that could be used to describe you?
3. In what ways is it appropriate to describe believers as the bride of Christ? Can we make her more attractive?
4. In what ways is it appropriate to describe believers as the New Jerusalem? Can we make it a better place to dwell?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:8-13. What is the connection between God's patience (v8-9) and the end of the universe (v10)? And what is the connection between the end of the universe (v11-13) and our lifestyle (v11)?
6. Why do you think God chose a cube as the place of holiness?

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