

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 6:12-26

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"PEOPLE GOD CAN USE"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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People God Can Use;

One of our great struggles with God is "how or why would such a great and awesome God want to do anything with me? - maybe because we are often overwhelmed with our own sense of weakness and frailty?"

Or Maybe, it's that the world seems too big
and too far gone for us to make a difference?

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. :27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; :28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, :29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

**So The Question, Why Would God Use Me?
Why Shouldn't God Use Me?**

Luke 6:12-26

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: :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 the Zealot; :16 Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor. :17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, :18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. :19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all. :20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. :21 Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh. :22 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake :23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. :24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. :25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. :26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

PEOPLE GOD CAN USE

1.) *Are People that Jesus calls to come* v.12-16

1a.) *It's His response to the Father's voice* v. 12

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

"Now it came to pass in those days"

The Days of Hostile Opposition / Warfare

I Personally Believe, Especially in America, That We Are Living

In The Days That Shall Increase in Opposition Against
"Biblical Christianity"

Why is This Important?

because of the example that Jesus sets for us. He prayed. He prayed all night, and He spent all night in prayer before choosing His 12 Apostles.

THE NATURE OF JESUS, TO LISTEN FOR HIS FATHER'S VOICE

Luke 5:16

So He Himself *often* withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

***This is The single Most Important Thing
I Can Tell You Today Being a Christian,
Learn to Listen to the Lord's Voice***

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

"and continued all night"

the Greek here implies "to conserve energy,
to not waste, to save time and effort"

Jesus Saw Prayer as a "Time-Saving" Thing
Jesus Saw Prayer as an "Effort-Saving" Thing

When We Don't Have the Time, Stop and Pray!

If We Don't Have Strength, Get Up and Pray!
If You Don't know the Answer, Be Quiet and Pray!

Before Jesus Selects His Twelve Apostles

He Gets the Answer from Heaven.

In Which Direction is a Satellite Dish Pointed? –

Toward the satellite

Note Well Jesus' Example

"If He was going to make a difference, if He was going to rescue humanity,
If He would only get it done by one discipline, = it's by prayer!"

(Well) Connecting to Heaven

(whatever God's desire or mission might be, it's brought down to earth by prayer)

That's Why It's All Important That We Pray!
to pray about everything

**I Have Never Heard Anyone Say, "Ya Know,
I Just Prayed About That Thing Too Much"**

Prayer is an Attitude, A Spiritual Discipline

Luke 21:36

Watch therefore, and pray always

2 Thessalonians 1:11

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you,

Communication with God, "On-Demand"

If Man can Create DSL, How Much More "Faster" Can God Hear Us?

1 Thessalonians 5:17

pray without ceasing, (non-stop prayer)

1b.) It's His desire to do the Father's will v. 13

And when it was day, He called His disciples to *Himself*;
and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles

Jesus Had Received the Answer from His Father

"called"

prosfwne÷w *prosphoneo*, *pros-fo-neh'-o*;

to send out the call. to give a personal invitation to walk alongside,
to beckon another to come.

chose

ejkle÷gomai *eklegomai*, *ek-leg'-om-ahee*;

to make a selection, to draw out from the group

a select, choosing, to cause some to be "chosen"

John 17:6

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

John 6:65

And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

The Father "Communicated" His Will to Christ

Matthew 11:27

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him

John 5:19

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

John 8:29

And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

It's His desire to do the Father's will

Jesus shows us here = Dependent Prayer, Desperate Prayer
*not **routine** prayer, not **rote** prayer, not **repeated** prayer.*

wouldn't you have loved to hear Jesus pray?

Matthew 6:7

And when you pray, do not use **vain repetitions** as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

repetitions = Βαζ ττοβ Βattos

English word, = to be tedious, to recite, to chant, to recycle the words.

If You Suspect No One Is Listening

on the Other Side, What Do You Do?

You Either Repeat Yourself, or Say "Can You Hear Me Now?"

1c.) It's His work to build the Father's kingdom. v.14-16

By the Time The Sun Came Up, He Knew What to Do.

He called to Him, 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 the Zealot; :16 Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

Chronologically,

We Don't Know Much About These Twelve at This Stage,

What Does Jesus See, What Does He Know?

What Did His Father Tell Him?

what did He see in Peter,

He saw things cut away and things implanted.

The Changing of these Men into Disciples, Disciples into Apostles

We Even Get New Names in Heaven

Revelation 2:17

I will give him a new name written which
no one knows except him who receives *it*."

What's the History of Your Family Name?

The Good News is, It Can't Limit Our New Life Anymore

God Sees Me Differently Than The Way You See Me (thank you Lord)

The Book of Hebrews Records
*The Lifestyles of the Righteous and Faithful,
all through God's eyes, from His view.*

God Sees Us Different, He See Us Like Christ.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation
(not possible) to those who are ***in Christ Jesus***,

Revelation 21:14

Now the wall of the city of the New Jerusalem, had twelve foundations,
and on them were **the names of the twelve apostles** of the Lamb.

Is Your Name "Panic", It Can Be "Peace"

1 Chronicles 4:9

Now Jabez (pain, painful, grief) was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore *him* in pain." :10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep *me* from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

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Verse 16
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and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

who "became" (finished) a traitor

The Lord Possesses Foreknowledge, That is before anything, everything, God Knows.
God cannot Learn anything, He's not surprised or educated.

God the Father is Omniscient, All Knowing

before judas was ever born, God knew how he would respond and react to the gospel
and to the ministry.

That's How Judas is Fully Responsible for His Treason -
He Personally and Willfully Walked out on His Belief.

Jesus Said, Of This Type of Man

Mark 4:17a, 18-19

they have no root in themselves, and so **endure only for a time**. these are the ones like seed sown among thorns; *they* hear the word, :19 but the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

Matthew 26:24

The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” = Why, Because Judas choose against Christ.

PEOPLE GOD CAN USE

2.) *Are the people that Jesus counsels* v.17-19

(remember show and tell?)
this is "show and tell" Jesus style

2a.) *His counsel glorifies the word of God* v. 17a

:17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon...

Why is That Important?

because Jesus always gave / gives the word, and follows through action

John 6:63c

...The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

John 8:26c

...I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”

John 12:50

And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

2b.) His counsel benefits the whole of man v. 17b-18

who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, :18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 17:17

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Ephesians 5:26

that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

2c.) His counsel reaches out toward all v. 19

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all.

Listen, Can you find any greater a message than what Jesus has given you? can you find anything more firm, assuring, and enduring than what He has spoken to mankind?

John 5:21

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

John 10:27-29

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

PEOPLE GOD CAN USE

3.) *Are people that Jesus gives His character to.* v.20-26

:20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. :21 Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh. :22 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. :23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. :24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. :25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. :26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets

Blessed 4X, Rejoice 1X, Woe 4X

3a.) *It's a happiness that comes from heaven* v. 20-22

:20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:
"Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. :21 Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh.
:22 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.

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Verse 20
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:20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:
"Blessed *are you* poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.

***"Happy are those who are no longer Exiles,
taken away captive, enslaved!
because you now have the Kingdom, it cannot be taken away
from you nor you from it."***

Not Monetarily, But in Spirit

Philippians 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself...

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich (\$), yet for your sakes He became poor (\$), that you through His poverty (\$) might become rich. (\$)

Verse 21a

Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled

It's Not Physical Thirst

Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. :2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

It's Not Physical Hunger

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Verse 21b

Blessed *are you* who weep now,
For you shall laugh.

this is a heart that's burdened with sorrow because of injustice and unrighteousness

It's a "he who weeps over the proper thing"
It's "to weep at the right time"

Abraham Lincoln

"If I weren't prone to laugh, I would die"

John 11:35

Jesus wept.

Some of You

may not be able to weep at all. Your heart has grown cold and indifferent, cynical and critical,

When was the last time you sat down and wept with Jesus? Because friend, Jesus weeps over the death of your relatives, and fellow employees, and neighbors...

CHILD ABUSE AND ABORTIONS - GOD WEEPS! AND THE GODLESS LAUGH ABOUT IT.

Verse 22

Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.

For the Son of Man's sake.
Not For Being Stupid or Rude, Loud or Abrasive,

But Like Jesus and for Jesus

John 15:19-20

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. **:20** Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

But How Does This Help with Tomorrow?

1 Peter 4:14

If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

3b.) *It's a joy that will last forever*

v.23

:Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven,
For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Luke 10:19-21

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. :20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. :21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit,

Heaven is on its way church,
and you will rejoice and you will leap

3c.) *It's a reality that cannot be denied* v. 24-26

:24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. :25 Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. :26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets

This is One of the Greatest Weapons in Satan's Arsenal
Compliments / Flattery / Praise / Accolades
"Woe to you when all men speak well of you"

**JESUS PROMISED HIS DISCIPLES
THREE FUNDAMENTAL RESULTS FROM FOLLOWING HIM**

- #1 - that they would be completely fearless
- #2 - that they would be radically happy
- #3 - they would be constantly in trouble

**Paul put it this way,
2 Corinthians 4:16-17**

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. :17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

Chesterton Wrote:
"Being in Hot Water is Good for You, It keeps you Clean"

Why is That Important?

Because God's Truth is an All Piercing Truth,
It's an All Knowing, All Seeing Truth, All Powerful Truth

Genesis 18:25c

"...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
(or judge with perfect justice)

to deny or to reject The Lord Jesus Christ in This Life,
is to commit a sin of stellar proportions

It's That One, Unforgivable Sin Mentioned in Scripture

John 5:22-24

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, :23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. :24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

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