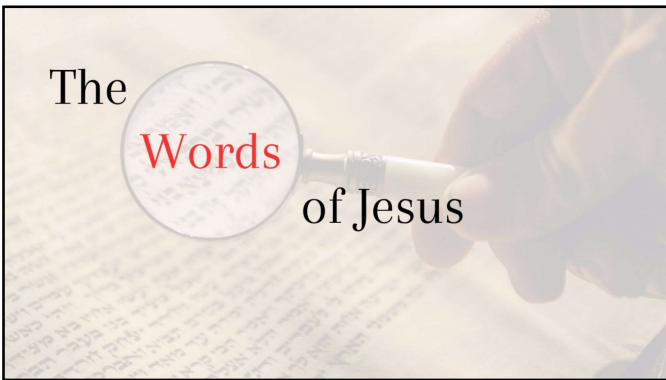


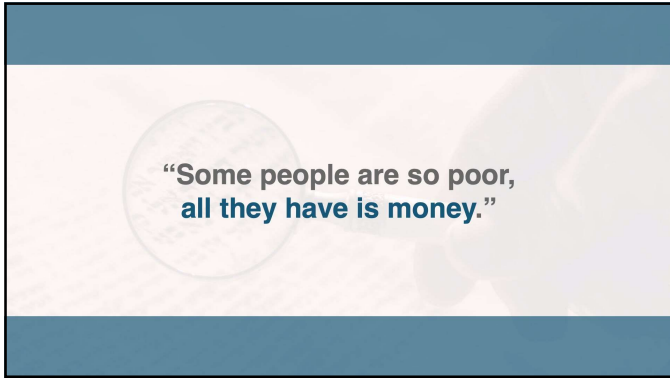
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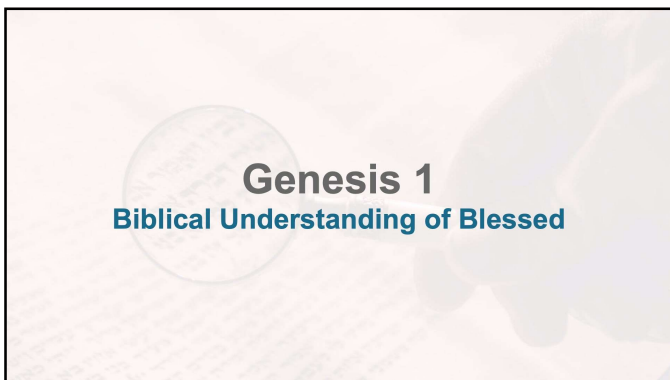
Words of Jesus (Week 5)
Blessed Are You – Luke 6:17-26

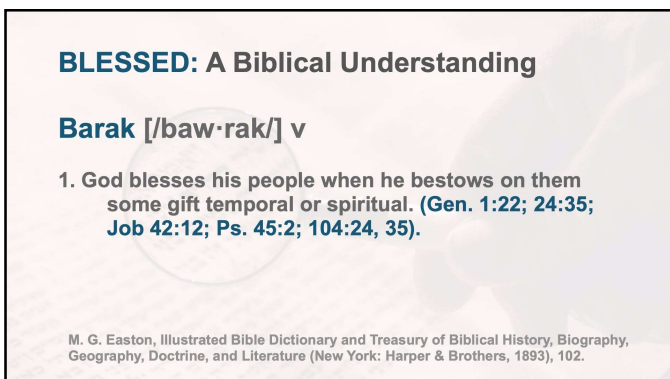
1. In the passage, why does Jesus seem to uplift the marginal and warn those who have abundance?
2. In Luke 6:22, why would Jesus say that his followers are blessed to be rejected and endure hardship for his name?
3. How would you define hardship? As followers of Jesus Christ, what hardships are we facing today?
4. Which set of passages (blessings or woes) seem to apply more with modern US Christians? Why?











BLESSED: A Biblical Understanding

BLESS is widely understood as referring to **“health-creating power”**; someone who is **“blessed,”** is gifted with such power, while to bless someone is either to bestow such power on them (often by means of a verbal statement) or to declare that they have such power.

Donnie R. Vick, “Bless and Curse,” ed. John D. Barry et al., The Lexham Bible Dictionary (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).

BLESSED: A Biblical Understanding

Genesis 1:22 (NIV) — God **blessed** them (fish and birds) and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.”

Genesis 1:27–28 (NIV) — So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **28** God **blessed** them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

BLESSED: A Biblical Understanding

Genesis 2:2-3 (NIV) – **2** By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. **3** Then God **blessed the seventh day** and **made it holy**, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

(1) God blessed US to **PROCREATE**.

(2) God blessed the **SABBATH** for us to **REST**.

UNDERSTANDING THE SABBATH
 Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:8-11

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UNDERSTANDING THE SABBATH

Exodus 20:8–11 (NIV)

8 “**Remember the Sabbath** day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God.

UNDERSTANDING THE SABBATH

Exodus 20:8–11 (NIV)

10b On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

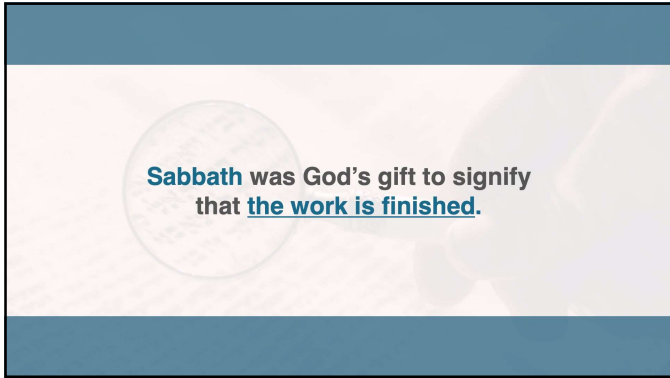
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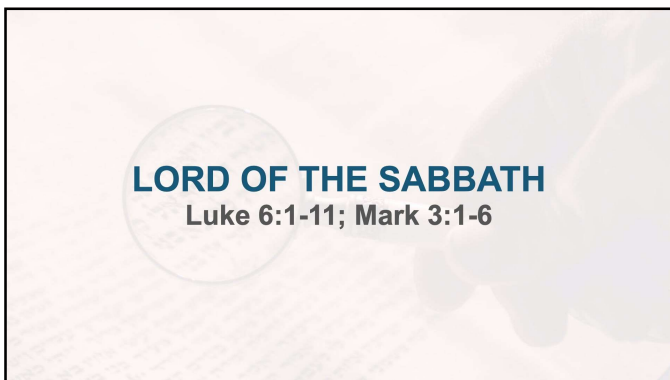
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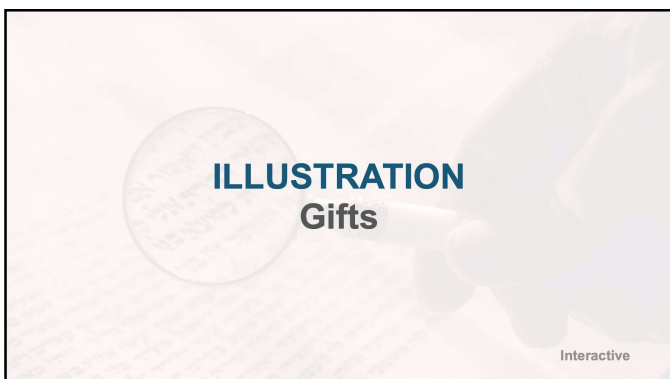
11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

4 PURPOSES OF SABBATH

- 1. Remember** (the Sabbath)
- 2. (Build) Relationships**
- 3. Rest** (from work)
- 4. Reflect** (or model God in right actions)







RULES FOR PLAYER 1

1. Open your gift
2. Don't make a mess or leave one behind
3. Share it with others

RULES FOR PLAYER 2

1. Open your gift in a manner worthy of receiving a gift while smiling the whole time.
2. Don't make a mess by doing the following
 - (1) don't rip the wrapping paper when opening so it can be reused; leave paper fully as one piece.
 - (2) remove the all tape from the paper so the paper can be reused
 - (3) If you rip the paper or leave on tape, you forfeit the gift.
3. If you share with one who has no gift in return, do so while singing on 1 leg. If they have a gift, no singing required.

The blessing of the Lord brings [true] riches, and He adds no sorrow to it [for it comes as a blessing from God].

— Proverbs 10:22 (AMP)

UNDERSTANDING THE SABBATH

Mark 3:3-6 (NIV)

3 Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.” **4** Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: **to do good** or to do evil, **to save life** or to kill?” But they remained silent. **5** He **looked around at them in anger** and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts...

Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”

— Mark 2:27 (NIV)

4 PURPOSES OF SABBATH

1. **Remember** (the Sabbath)
2. (Build) **Relationships**
3. **Rest** (from work)
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If we don't remember why we took the trip,
the destination becomes irrelevant.

LUKE 6:17-26
THE GIFT OF BLESSED

Our trials and struggles are a blessing
because they make us like Jesus.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

— Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

JESUS IS OUR SABBATH

Luke 6:20-23

ACTION ITEM

1) In the next 24-48 hours, write down the name of at least one person you know doesn't know Christ, that you have never shared the gospel.

2) Then reach out and share it with them.

