

Sermon

James 1:19–27; Luke 6:17–36

‘Disruptive Blessings’

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

17 (Jesus) went down with them
and stood on a level place.

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Luke 6:12–16 (NIV)

12 ... Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

13 When morning came, (Jesus) called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles.

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

17 He went down with them
and stood on a level place.

A large crowd of his disciples was there ...
a great number of people from all over ...

18 who had come to hear him

and to be healed of their diseases.

Those troubled by impure spirits were cured,

19 and the people all tried to touch him,

because power was coming from him

and healing them all.

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

20 Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor ...

21 Blessed are you who hunger now ...

Blessed are you who weep now ...

22 Blessed are you when people hate you,
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.”

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

Luther: *“Troubles are not always punishments for certain past deeds, but they are God’s works, intended for our benefit, and that God’s power might be made more apparent in our weakness.”*
(Ap XIIB 63)”

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

24 “But woe to you who are rich ...

25 Woe to you who are well fed now ...

Woe to you who laugh now ...

26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors
treated the false prophets.”

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

How often do you count your blessings?

How often do you thank God for your blessings?

What do you (have to) do to make sure your blessings don’t become a curse?

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

27 “But to you who are listening I say:

Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.

31 Do to others
as you would have them do to you.”

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Luke 23:26-43 (NIV)

**34 Jesus said,
“Father, forgive them,
for they do not know what they are doing.”**

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Acts 7:54-60 (NIV)

59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

When he had said this, he fell asleep.

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

32 “If you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you?

Even sinners love those who love them.

33 And if you do good to those who are good to you,
what credit is that to you?

Even sinners do that.

35 But love your enemies, do good to them ...

36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

TLSB: “Jesus introduces ... nine beatitudes that detail the future blessedness of His disciples. These promised blessings are God’s gracious gifts to those who repent of their sins and trust Christ for righteousness.

Only after Jesus has assured His disciples of God’s goodness to them does He call on them ... to be good and do good.

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Luke 6:17–36 (NIV)

*When we recognize our own spiritual poverty,
when the Lord leads us to hunger and thirst
for God’s righteousness,
when He makes us pure in heart
so that we seek to worship only the true God,
then we are blessed, now and forever.”*

The Lutheran Study Bible – Various Authors

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

vv. 19-20 Hear the Word

v. 21 Receive the Word

v. 22 Do the Word

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

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Everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:

Everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak

and slow to become angry,

20 because human anger

does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth
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Has (a part) of your heart become hardened?

Are there rocks in your heart you need to get rid of?

Is it time to pull out some weeds in your heart?

Of what perceptions or practices (or lack thereof)
do you need to repent?

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

22 Do not merely listen to the word,
and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

23 Anyone who listens to the word
but does not do what it says

is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

24 and, after looking at himself,

goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

TLSB: *“The mirror of the Word shows us our sin,
but even more,*

*it reveals the righteousness we already have in Christ.
However, someone who leaves that perfect image
by not living a righteous life as taught in the Word
turns away from righteousness.”*

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

25 But whoever looks intently
into the perfect law that gives freedom,
and continues in it

—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—
they will be blessed in what they do.

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

27 Religion that God our Father accepts
as pure and faultless is this:

to look after orphans and widows in their distress
and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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James 1:19–27 (NIV)

Luther: *“It is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God’s will.”*

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