



**June 28, 2026**

"Warnings"

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*But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.*

There are two (and only two) kingdoms:

1. The kingdom of light/God — aka heaven
2. The kingdom of darkness/Satan — aka hell

**John 3:3**

*Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

Everyone on earth is a member of one of these two kingdoms. Jesus left heaven to come to earth to show us how to enter the kingdom of light/God, and not spend eternity in hell, separated from God.

Christians are called to invite others into the kingdom of light:

1. By being a citizen of God's kingdom
2. By being an ambassador of God's kingdom

The way to enter each kingdom is either by:

1. **Grace** — into the kingdom of light/God
2. **Works** — into the kingdom of darkness/Satan

## **Review — Last Week**

Four characteristics of God's kingdom people who are "blessed" (a deep, unshakeable, inner joy no matter what are life's circumstances):

### **1. Blessed are the poor**

- No worshipping of money
- **1 Timothy 6:10**  
*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*
- These people can more easily focus on eternal realities — but also the poor in spirit too, who know their spiritual bankruptcy and their deep sinfulness
- There is no way they can get into heaven by their works
- They plead to God for mercy in their utter sinfulness and depravity, and experience God's great grace and mercy on the cross
- Yours is the kingdom of God

### **2. Blessed are you who are hungry now**

- For God's spiritual, eternal kingdom
- Who know the temporariness of this world
- Who know the stuff of this world is like cotton candy
- It tastes good for a moment but has no nutritional value

- Who know only Jesus alone can satisfy the deepest longings of your heart forever
- Who know you'll be satisfied here and forever in heaven

### 3. **Blessed are you who weep now**

- Weep, cry, and mourn over all your sin
- The destruction and imprisonment sin caused you
- How you've hurt other people
- Your mourning brings you to the cross and God's forgiveness
- You'll laugh forever in heaven
- You'll have eternal JOY!

### 4. **Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man** (Jesus's most often used description of himself – **Daniel 7**)

- When all people-pleasing is removed/scoured from your life (people idolatry gone)
- People make lousy gods — especially if you love Jesus
- Hate, exclude, revile, spurn your name
- Key: because you love Jesus (not if you're being a jerk!)
- The exclusivity of Jesus:
  - We're reprobate sinners
  - Saved by grace, not works
  - Repentance
  - God's wrath
  - Judgment
- Rejoice! Jump up and down! Twirl around! Scream with joy!
- You'll have a huge reward at the judgment seat of rewards
- Though you'll cast your rewards at Jesus's feet, the joy of serving him will be eternal

These are the four characteristics for those in God's eternal kingdom (Jesus as the King).

## **Four Woes/Warnings to Those Enslaved in the Kingdom of Darkness/Satan**

### **1. Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation**

- Warning to those who love money
- **1 Timothy 6:10**  
*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*  
This could be for those who have money or live their lives to possess it
- Warning to those who think their physical riches will buy them salvation
- Their sense of being "good" and "righteous" and earning your way to heaven
- You've received your consolation "prize" here on earth
- The problem with a self-made person is he/she worships their creator (themselves)

### **2. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry**

- You who are self-satisfied; self-sufficient
- You think you've arrived! You have no need for God!
- You will experience an eternal gnawing and hunger of soul
- Jesus, four times in Matthew, warns that hell is weeping and gnashing of teeth

### **3. Woe to you who laugh now, you shall mourn and weep**

- You think that life is all about you being happy
- Life is eternal entertainment for you
- Your time and money is mostly spent on your own happiness and entertainment
- Jesus, four times in Matthew, warns (woe) that hell is weeping and mourning

4. **Woe to you when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets**

- Life is all about popularity
- You never take any stands for truth
- You're like the false prophets telling the people that all was okay when being invaded by the Babylonians

**Jeremiah 6:14**

*They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.*

**Jeremiah 8:11**

*They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.*

**Ezekiel 13:10**

*Because they have led my people astray, saying, 'Peace, peace, when there is no peace.'*

**Isaiah 30:9**

*For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord;*

- Jerusalem is being invaded by the Babylonians
- The false prophets tell the people "Peace, peace...all is fine...prosperity promised"
- While Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah and others told them God's judgment was coming
- And said that if the people would repent, God will relent
- And if they won't, God won't
- The people listened to the false prophets and destruction occurred
- Woe to you today if you are listening to false prophets tickling your ears

Today's warning: **2 Timothy 4:2-4**

*preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

### **Four woes to those who put their trust in their:**

1. Own goodness
2. Wealth
3. Comfort
4. And popularity

### **Please Hear This:**

1. Tolerance is not God's highest virtue (God does not tolerate sin)
2. Love is God's preeminent virtue...but please remember:
3. Real love warns, gives the "woes" of God; it warns
4. If you repent, God will relent and forgive you
5. If you don't, he won't
6. And you will live forever in the kingdom of darkness/Satan's domain

Some call this the **Great Reversal** — Jesus flips the script of what's important here on earth and there in heaven.

My warning (I don't want to be a false prophet): **Which kingdom are you in?**

1. **The bad news:** we are all sinners and fall far short of God's perfection
  - Can you admit this?
  - I deserve hell and I can't earn it
2. **The good news:** Jesus died on the cross to forgive us our sins so that we can enter his kingdom of heaven and live for his kingdom's advancement forever

- It's a gift so that Jesus always receives all the glory
- Walk in humility every day of my life
- Live to please an audience of One: the living, eternal Lord Jesus Christ
- He alone can satisfy the deepest longings of my heart
- In HIS kingdom
- Today and forever!

**To Jesus alone and always belongs all the glory**