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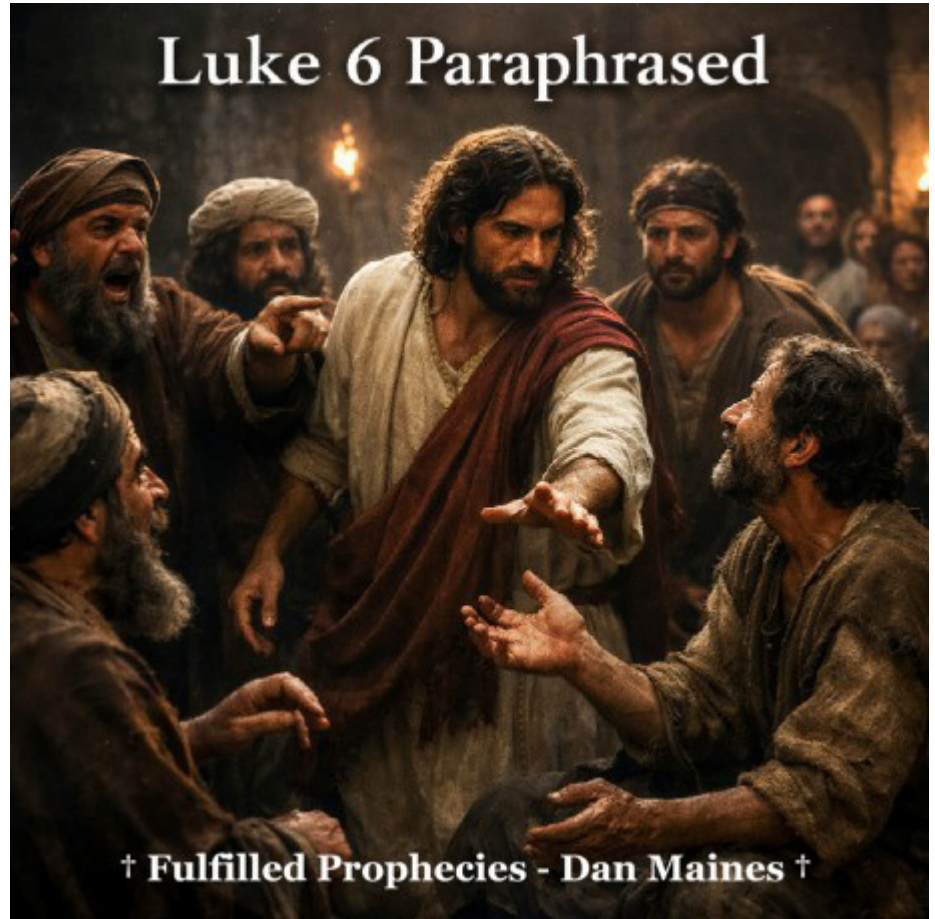
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Luke 6 Paraphrased



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Introduction

† Luke 6 shows Jesus confronting tradition, revealing mercy, and exposing the heart of the Law

† This chapter reveals the condition of Israel and the coming reversal in that generation

† It points directly to the judgment that would fall when they rejected Him

Luke 6:1

On a Sabbath, Jesus was walking through fields, and His

disciples began picking grain, rubbing it in their hands, and eating it as they went

† They were simply feeding themselves, not violating God's intent

† The issue came from added traditions, not the Law itself (Deuteronomy 23:25)

Luke 6:2

Some Pharisees said, Why are you doing something that's not allowed on the Sabbath

† Their focus was rules over people

† They twisted the Law into control (Mark 7:8)

Luke 6:3

Jesus answered them, Haven't you read what David did when he and his men were hungry

† Jesus points them back to Scripture they claimed to know (1 Samuel 21:6)

† He exposes their misunderstanding

Luke 6:4

He entered God's house, took the bread set apart for priests, ate it, and shared it with those with him

† Need was greater than ceremony

† God's Law always made room for mercy

Luke 6:5

Then He said to them, The Son of Man has authority over the Sabbath

† Jesus declares Himself above the system

† The Sabbath pointed forward to Him (Colossians 2:16-17)

Luke 6:6

On another Sabbath, He went into a synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was useless

† This sets up another confrontation

† The need was obvious, but their hearts weren't

Luke 6:7

The scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely to see if He would heal on the Sabbath so they could accuse Him

† They weren't seeking truth, only a charge

† Their hearts were hardened

Luke 6:8

But He knew what they were thinking and told the man, Stand up and come here, and he stood up

† Jesus reveals their thoughts

† He brings everything into the open

Luke 6:9

Then Jesus said, Is it right to do good or harm on the Sabbath, to save life or destroy it

† The Law was always about life (Deuteronomy 30:19)

† Their silence exposed their guilt

Luke 6:10

He looked around at them all, then told the man, Stretch out your hand, and he did, and it was completely restored

† Restoration shows God's true intent

† Mercy fulfills righteousness

Luke 6:11

But they were filled with rage and began discussing what they could do to Jesus

† They responded to good with hatred

† This leads directly to their judgment

Luke 6:12

During those days, Jesus went up to a mountain to pray and spent the entire night in prayer to God

† He models complete dependence on the Father

† Prayer comes before major decisions

Luke 6:13

When morning came, He called His disciples and chose twelve of them, naming them apostles

† The twelve represent restored Israel (Luke 22:30)

† This marks covenant transition

Luke 6:14

Simon, whom He also named Peter, Andrew his brother, James, John, Philip, and Bartholomew

† God uses ordinary men

† The Kingdom isn't built on status

Luke 6:15

Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot

† Different backgrounds were brought together

† The Kingdom breaks natural divisions

Luke 6:16

Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who later became a traitor

† Even among the chosen was betrayal

† This fulfilled prophecy (Psalm 41:9)

Luke 6:17

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, and a large crowd gathered from Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal regions

† The message was spreading throughout Israel

† This gathering comes before judgment

Luke 6:18

They came to hear Him and be healed, and those troubled by unclean spirits were set free

† Authority over both body and spirit

† The Kingdom was present among them

Luke 6:19

Everyone tried to touch Him because power was coming from Him and healing them all

† Christ is the source of life

† His authority was undeniable

Luke 6:20

Looking at His disciples, He said, Blessed are you who are poor, because the Kingdom of God belongs to you

† The poor are those dependent on God

† The Kingdom was theirs in that generation

Luke 6:21

Blessed are you who are hungry now, because you will be satisfied, blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh

† A reversal was coming soon

† Fulfilled in the end of the old system

Luke 6:22

Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you, insult you, and reject your name because of the Son of Man

† True disciples were persecuted (Acts 5:41)

† This marked the faithful

Luke 6:23

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers treated the prophets the same way

† They stood in line with the prophets

† Judgment was coming on their persecutors

Luke 6:24

But woe to you who are rich, because you've already received your comfort

† Directed at Israel's elite

† Their comfort would end in judgment

Luke 6:25

Woe to you who are full now, because you will be hungry, woe to you who laugh now, because you will mourn and cry

† Fulfilled in the siege of Jerusalem

† A complete reversal took place

Luke 6:26

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, because that's how their fathers treated the false prophets

† Popularity often marked falsehood

† Truth brought rejection

Luke 6:27

But I tell you who are listening, love your enemies and do good to those who hate you

† This defines Kingdom living

† It opposes the natural response

Luke 6:28

Speak blessings over those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you

† This reflects God's heart

† It shows real transformation

Luke 6:29

If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other, and if someone takes your outer garment, don't hold back your inner garment

† This exposes evil without retaliation

† It's strength, not weakness

Luke 6:30

Give to anyone who asks you, and if someone takes what belongs to you, don't demand it back

† Trust replaces control

† The Kingdom isn't built on possessions

Luke 6:31

Treat others the way you want to be treated

† This sums up righteous behavior

† It reflects God's justice

Luke 6:32

If you only love those who love you, what credit is that, even sinners do that

† Kingdom love goes beyond natural love

† It reveals a changed heart

Luke 6:33

If you do good only to those who do good to you, what credit is that, even sinners do the same

† True righteousness stands apart

† It shows transformation

Luke 6:34

If you lend expecting to be repaid, what credit is that, even sinners lend to get back what they gave

† Kingdom giving expects nothing

† It reflects grace

Luke 6:35

But love your enemies, do good, and give without expecting anything back, then your reward will be great, and you'll be sons of the Most High, because He is kind even to the ungrateful and evil

† This reflects God's nature

† It shows true sonship

Luke 6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful

† Mercy defines God's character

† This is the standard

Luke 6:37

Don't judge, and you won't be judged, don't condemn, and you won't be condemned, forgive, and you'll be forgiven

† This addresses hypocritical judgment

† The same measure returns (Matthew 7:2)

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given back to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, because the way you measure will be used for you

† God responds to the heart

† Giving reveals who we are

Luke 6:39

He told them a parable, Can a blind person guide another blind person, won't they both fall into a pit

† Blind leaders bring destruction

† This applied to Israel's leaders

Luke 6:40

A student isn't above his teacher, but when fully trained, he'll be like his teacher

† Disciples reflect their teacher

† This calls for alignment with Christ

Luke 6:41

Why do you see the small speck in your brother's eye but ignore the large beam in your own

† Hypocrisy blinds judgment

† Self-examination is required

Luke 6:42

How can you say, let me remove the speck from your eye, when you don't see the beam in your own, you hypocrite, first remove your own, then you'll see clearly

† Correction starts with yourself

† Clarity comes through humility

Luke 6:43

A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree doesn't produce good fruit

† Fruit reveals nature

† This exposes false leaders

Luke 6:44

Each tree is known by its fruit, you don't gather figs from thorns or grapes from bushes

† Results reveal truth

† Nature can't be hidden

Luke 6:45

A good person brings out good from what's stored in his heart, and an evil person brings out evil, because the mouth speaks from what's inside

† The heart determines the outcome

† Words reveal the inner man

Luke 6:46

Why do you call Me Lord but don't do what I say

† Empty words mean nothing

† Obedience proves truth

Luke 6:47

Everyone who comes to Me, hears My words, and acts on them, I'll show you what he's like

† Hearing must lead to action

† This defines true discipleship

Luke 6:48

He's like a man building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on rock, when the flood came, it couldn't shake it

† A solid foundation stands in judgment

† Christ is that foundation

Luke 6:49

But the one who hears and doesn't act is like someone who built on the ground without a foundation, when the flood came, it collapsed completely

† Disobedience leads to destruction

† This was fulfilled in that generation

Historical References

† Josephus recorded the famine, chaos, and destruction of Jerusalem

† Eusebius confirmed believers saw these events as fulfillment

† Clement of Alexandria taught Christ fulfilled the Law and exposed false righteousness

How it applies to us today

† We live in the fulfilled Kingdom, not under the old system

† True righteousness comes from the heart, not outward rule keeping

† Mercy, forgiveness, and love define Kingdom life

† We must build on Christ, not tradition

† What we produce reveals who we are

Q & A Appendix

Q: Was Jesus opposing the Law

A: No, He was correcting misuse and fulfilling it (Matthew 5:17)

Q: Who were the woes directed toward

A: The leaders and wealthy in Israel who rejected Him (Luke 11:52)

Q: When did these warnings come to pass

A: In that generation before AD 70 (Matthew 24:34)

Q: What does building on rock mean

A: Living in obedience to Christ (Matthew 7:24)

Q: Why did the leaders reject Him

A: He exposed their hypocrisy and authority (John 11:48)

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