Jesus Explains True Blessedness (Luke 6:17-26)

- I. Jesus Stood in A Mixed Crowd (17-19)
 - A. Jesus stood among a crowd of disciples (17a)
 - B. Jesus stood among a self-serving crowd (17b-19)
 - 1. This crowd of people genuinely sought help (17b-18)
 - a. To be healed
 - b. To be delivered
 - 2. This crowd wanted something from Him (19)
 - a. They sought to touch Him
 - b. They sought His power for healing
 - 3. They wanted to be blessed of God
- II. Jesus Teaches About the True Blessing (20-26)
 - A. Jesus speaks to His disciples (20a)
 - B. The Paradox of Blessings
 - 1. Rejoice in the blessing of dissatisfaction (20b-23)
 - a. The Suffering are Blessed (20b-22)
 - i. The poor in Spirit are blessed (20b)
 - ii. The hungry are blessed (21)
 - iii. The sorrowful are blessed (21b)
 - iv. The hated are blessed (22)
 - b. Rejoice in the blessing of suffering (23)
 - i. Great is your reward in Heaven
 - ii. God's people have always suffered
 - 2. Despair in the curse of contentment (24-26)
 - a. The rich are cursed (24)
 - b. The satisfied are cursed (25)
 - c. The happy are cursed (25b)
 - d. Those loved by all are cursed (26)
 - i. False prophets have always been loved