

Jesus Says

Upside Down

Luke 6:20-26

- **Visual Flight Rules**
Navigation based on what you see...
- **Flying by the seat of your pants**
Orienting yourself based on the way things feel...

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Exposition

- **Setting the Scene**
 - **The Sermon on the Plain**
 - **A Message for Disciples**
 - 3 Groups present
 - See vs. 17 & 20
 - *The Curious – The Convinced – The Committed*
 - **A Sermon on the Level!**

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Exposition

- **Setting the Scene**
- **Prophetic Words: Oracles of Blessing and Woe**
 - *Incoming...!*
 - O how fortunate are the poor, hungry, grieving, rejected...
 - O the misfortune of being well-off, well-fed, laugh, enjoying the esteem of others...
 - *Thus saith the Lord...*
 - Oracles of blessing – Oracles of doom!

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- **Prophetic Words: Oracles of Blessing and Woe**
- **An Eternal Perspective:
Seeing ‘Here and Now’ in Light of ‘There and Then’**

This world is not all there is and we cannot possibly make sense of it without understanding ‘the rest of the story...’

- The contrast between the situation ‘here and now’ and the situation ‘there and then’
- A deep conviction that God is on the throne, sovereignly working out His good and perfect will

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- **Circumstances in Perspective**
 - Poor / Well-off (vs. 20, 24)
 - Hungry / Well satisfied (vs. 21a, 25a)
 - Grieving / Laughing (vs. 21b, 25b)
 - Rejected / Accepted (vs. 22, 26)

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Personal Application

- This is not all there is – and it is neither lasting nor of greatest importance.
- For the believer, the best is truly yet to come; for the nonbeliever, the worst is truly yet to come.
- How do you choose to fly – right-side up or upside down?