

# Luke 6:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

## Analysis

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Woe unto you that are full for ye shall hunger Woe unto you that laugh now for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe ouai judgment. Full empeplēsmenoi satisfied sated. Shall hunger peinasete lack. Laugh gelōntes make merry. Now nyn present. Shall mourn penthēsete grieve. Weep klausetē cry. Two more woes. Full now hungry later. Laughing now mourning later. Eschatological reversal. Those satisfied comfortable in this life without God will face eternal hunger thirst. Those who laugh now frivolous unconcerned about God will mourn weep judgment. Temporal comfort can lead eternal loss. Reformed theology emphasizes preparing for eternity not living for temporal ease.

## Historical Context

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Context continued beatitudes woes. Those satisfied now with worldly comforts ignoring God face reversal. Rich man story Luke 16 illustrates. He feasted daily luxuriously ignored beggar Lazarus. Death brought reversal. Parable rich fool (Luke 12:16-21) similar. Accumulated wealth ignored God died faced judgment. Laughing now refers to frivolous unconcerned life. Ecclesiastes vanity of pursuing pleasure. True joy is in God not fleeting pleasures. Modern culture pursues comfort pleasure entertainment. But eternity looms. Early church warned against love of world (1 John 2:15-17). Temporary satisfaction versus eternal fulfillment. Need eternal perspective.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does warning of eschatological reversal challenge pursuit of comfort pleasure satisfaction in this life?
2. What is difference between godly contentment joy versus worldly satisfaction that leads to future hunger?

## Interlinear Text

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Woe	unto you	G3588	that are full	! for	ye shall hunger	Woe	
G3759	G5213		G1705	G3754	G3983	G3759	
ὕμῖν,	οἱ	γελῶντες	νῦν	ὅτι	πενθήσετε	καὶ	κλαύσετε
unto you	G3588	that laugh	now	! for	ye shall mourn	and	weep
G5213		G1070	G3568	G3754	G3996	G2532	G2799

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 65:13** (Parallel theme): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

**James 4:9** (Parallel theme): Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

**Proverbs 14:13** (Parallel theme): Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.