

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

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 klausete 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

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

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

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

Additional Cross-References

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.