

Parallel Elements in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount and Luke's Sermon on the Plain

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God (Luke 6.20)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God (Matt 5.3)

Blessed are you who are hungry now for you will be filled (Luke 6.21)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be filled (Matt 5.6)

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh (Luke 6.21)

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted (Mt 5.4)

Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you and defame you on account of the Human One; rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets (Luke 6.22)

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matt 5.11)

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you (Luke 6.27)

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Matt 5.44)

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also (Luke 6.28a)

If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek, too (Matt 5.39)

And from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt (Luke 6.29)

And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well (Matt 5.40)

Give to everyone who begs from you (Luke 6.30a)

Give to the one who asks of you (Matt 5.42)

Do to others as you would have them do to you (Luke 6.31)

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets (Matt 6.12)

For if you love those who love you, what credit do you have? Even sinners do the same (Luke 6.32)

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? (Matt 5.46)

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful (Luke 6.36)

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy (Matt 5.7)

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. (Luke 6.37)

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. (Matt 7.1)

Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. (Luke 6.41-42)

Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. (Matt 7.3-5)

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. (Luke 6.43-44)

You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. (Matt 7.16-20)

Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? (Luke 6.46)

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. (Matt 7.21)

I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house. (Luke 6.47-49)

Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall! (Matt 7.24-27)