

### The Warning continued:

<sup>22</sup> "But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. <sup>23</sup> Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. <sup>24</sup> Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

<sup>25</sup> "This is the inscription that was written:

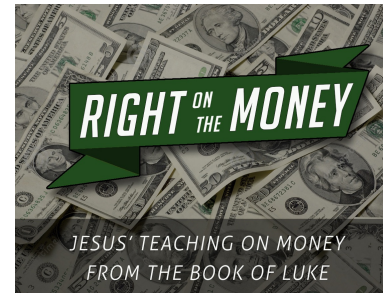
mene, mene, tekel, parsin

<sup>26</sup> "Here is what these words mean: *Mene* - God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. <sup>27</sup> *Tekel* - You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. <sup>28</sup> *Peres* - Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

When Jesus Christ showed up and began to do his miracles, and lived and died, and then rose from the dead, that's the handwriting on the wall for the kingdom of this world.

"Are you someone who basically lives for power, recognition, comfort, success? If so, your days are numbered. That kingdom's days are numbered."

### Notes:



### "How Money Works In God's Kingdom"

*Luke 6:19-26, 30-35 From the Sermon on the Mount*

<sup>19</sup> ... and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. <sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

<sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

*This is God's Word*

## 1. The World's Kingdom

<sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets. Luke 6:24-26

"Woe to you who are rich ..." Wealthy and powerful

"Woe to you who are well fed ..." Your physical desires satisfied in full.

"Woe to you who laugh ..." Gloating laugh

"Woe to you when all men speak well of you." Recognition. Acclaim.

Jesus is actually saying is, *"I pity people who put their trust and/or set their hearts on power, comfort, success, and recognition."*

...for you have already received your comfort." vs. 24

(The word *paraklesis* for comfort) means a deep consolation, a deep solace. It's the same word Jesus uses to describe the Holy Spirit.

## 2. Jesus' upside-down kingdom

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Luke 6:20-22

If Jesus is saying you must not be successful if you're a Christian. You must not be popular. You have to be persecuted. You have to be poor," it's going to be hard to square that with everything else in the Bible.

## 3. What's the story of your money in Jesus' kingdom?

<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Luke 6:30

**John MacArthur:** We are not required to respond to every foolish, selfish request made of us. To give a person what he wants and does not need is a disservice, doing them more harm than good. But a loving desire to help others? Jesus is speaking of a generosity that genuinely wants to meet the other persons need, not tokenism that does a good deed to buy off one's own conscience.

## 4. An Encouragement and a Warning.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven...

Luke 6:23

### The Encouragement:

"... and the people all tried to touch him, (Jesus) because power was coming from him and healing them all."

Luke 6:19

### The Warning:

<sup>18</sup> "Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. <sup>19</sup> Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. <sup>20</sup> But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. <sup>21</sup> He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.