

## Questions for Reflection

One commentator on Luke 6:17-26 writes, “Blessed’ (*makarios*) does not simply describe a state of happiness or bliss. Rather it refers in a theological sense to one’s standing before God (Deut. 33:29; Pss. 1:1; 40:4).” As you reflect on the blessings and woes in Luke’s Gospel and on the use of the word “happy” in Psalm 1:1 and “blessed” in Jeremiah 17:7, how does this meaning of “blessed” or “happy” contrast with contemporary uses of this word, even by some preachers? What is one change you can make in your own life before God that would bring you into closer accord with Jesus’ understanding of blessedness?

## For Your Study and Reflection This Week Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

### **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit. (vv. 7-8)

### **Psalm 1**

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread  
or sit in the seat of scoffers,  
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.  
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for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish. (vv. 1, 2, 6)

### **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have died. (v. 20)

### **Luke 6:17-26**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:  
“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.” (vv. 20-21)

## TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 1

*Week of 6 Epiphany*

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

*6th Sunday after Epiphany*

Psalms 66, 67 (*morning*)

Isa. 62:6-12

1 John 2:3-11

John 8:12-19

Psalms 19, 46 (*evening*)

### Monday, February 17, 2024

Psalms 89:1-18 (*morning*)

Isa. 63:1-6

1 Tim. 1:1-17

Mark 11:1-11

Psalms 89:19-52 (*evening*)

### Tuesday, February 18, 2024

Psalms 97, 99, [100] (*morning*)

Isa. 63:7-14

1 Tim. 1:18—2:8

Mark 11:12-26

Psalms 94, [95] (*evening*)

### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Psalms 101, 109:1-4 (5-19) 20-30  
(*morning*)

Isa. 63:15—64:9

1 Tim. 3:1-16

Mark 11:27—12:12

Psalms 119:121-144 (*evening*)

### Thursday, February 20, 2025

Psalms 105:1-22 (*morning*)

Isa. 65:1-12

1 Tim. 4:1-16

Mark 12:13-27

Psalms 105:23-45 (*evening*)

### Friday, February 21, 2025

Psalms 102 (*morning*)

Isa. 65:17-25

1 Tim. 5:17-22 (23-25)

Mark 12:28-34

Psalms 107:1-32 (*evening*)

### Saturday, February 22, 2025

Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-6 (7-13)  
(*morning*)

Isa. 66:1-6

1 Tim. 6:6-21

Mark 12:35-44

Psalms 33 (*evening*)

### Sunday, February 23, 2025

*7th Sunday after Epiphany*

Psalms 118 (*morning*)

Isa. 66:7-14

1 John 3:4-10

John 10:7-16

Psalms 145 (*evening*)

## *Household Prayer: Morning*

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this new day.  
Guide my steps as I face choices to care for this earth or not,  
to show compassion toward others or not,  
to care for myself or not,  
to be true to Christ or not.  
May each of my choices draw me closer to you. Amen.

## *Household Prayer: Evening*

Tonight I come home to you in prayer, my God.  
Thank you for guiding me through this day,  
even when I was not conscious of it.  
Now I give this day back to you,  
entrusting all that I did and all that I left undone  
to your compassionate care.  
May I rest in peace. Amen.