

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of your wings, From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about. They are enclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. (Ps 17:8-10)

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! (Amos 6:4-6)

“Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and rich; they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. Shall I not punish them for these things?” declares the LORD, “and shall I not avenge Myself on a nation such as this?” (Jer 5:27-29)

But **woe** to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.  
(Luke 6:24)

**Woe** to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. (Luke 6:25)

**Woe** to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. (Luke 6:26)

But **woe** to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. (Luke 11:42)

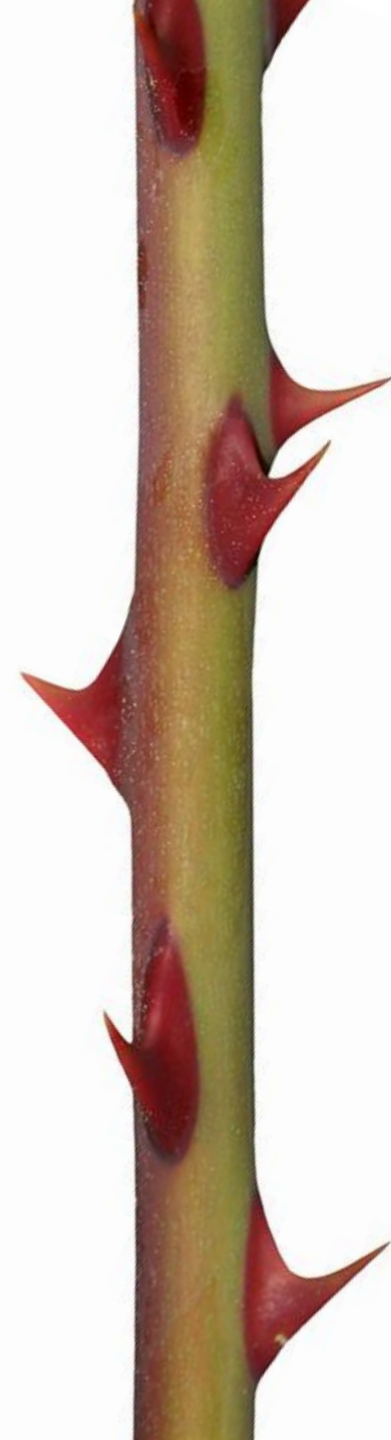
**Woe** to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. (Luke 11:43)

And He said, “**Woe** to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.” (Luke 11:46)

# WOE

*a primary  
exclamation  
of grief;  
passionate  
cry of grief  
or despair*

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Lk 12:15 Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. <sup>17</sup> "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' <sup>21</sup> "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."



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For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort, too. (II Cor 1:5)

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. (I Pet 4:13)

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ... <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; (Php 3:8 )



Eccl 7:3 Sorrow is better than laughter, For when a face is sad a heart may be happy. <sup>4</sup> The mind of the wise is in the house of mourning, While the mind of fools is in the house of pleasure. <sup>5</sup> It is better to listen to the rebuke of a wise man than for one to listen to the song of fools. <sup>6</sup> For as the crackling of thorn bushes under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool; and this too is futility.

Hag 1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?" <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider your ways! <sup>6</sup> "You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes."

3 Jon 1:2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.