

Matthew 5:6

The Beatitudes: God's Blessing on Jesus' Disciples (Part 3)

Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness (v. 6)

- Meaning

- Examples

- Promise

- Application

Application of Matthew 5:6

1. What do the words “hunger and thirst” mean and how does the experience of these words in even a small physical sense, help you understand a believer is to crave for righteousness?
2. How could you use physical hunger and thirst to remind you of this beatitude and lead you to prayer?
3. What does the word “righteousness” mean in this context (i.e. imputed righteousness through Christ or right living before God)?
4. What are some examples in Scripture and history of people who craved for righteousness? (see Ps 42:1-2; 119:34, 44, 51, 60, 100, 101, 131, 145, 157, 167; John 4:34; 5:30; 17:4; Matt 26:39)
 - a. Do you want to be like them?
 - b. Are you prepared to suffer the consequences of such a craving like many of them did (see also Matt 5:10-12)?
5. How does reading, listening to, studying, meditating, and memorizing Scripture increase your desire and help you live God's way?
6. What is hindering you from an increased hunger and thirst for righteousness (both sin and the excessive or unnecessary use of good things)?
 - a. What do you need to put off or stop doing and what do you need to put on and start doing instead?
7. Spiritual hunger and thirst doesn't come naturally or from ourselves, but God... so pray for God to increase your hunger and thirst to obey Him.
 - a. Note: The answer to your prayer will come through your actions, we don't crave for God by sitting in the gutter of life or on the couch of laziness.
8. Reflect on verses describing God as the source of our satisfaction (these aren't all specifically related to spiritual satisfaction) e.g. Ps 107:9; 34:10; 23:1, 5; Jer 31:14, 25; Luke 1:35; John 4:14; 6:35
9. What will you start doing today to grow in your desire for righteousness?

Reading this week: Read Matt 5:3-10 each day this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

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Pastor _____

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| <u>Book</u> | <u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>The B _____:</i> <i>God's B _____ on Jesus' D _____ (Part __)</i> | <u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| <u>Chapter</u> | Blessed are those who H _____ and T _____ for R _____ (v. __) | |
| <u>Verses</u> | | |

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

| God/Yahweh/ Father | Christ/Jesus/Lord | Hunger/Hungry/ Thirst(y) | Pray | Righteous(ness) | Word/Bible |
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What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: