



TODAY'S OUTLINE

They Shall Be Satisfied

The Blessing for Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness

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Today, we are going to look at the fourth blessing given to those who are citizens of the kingdom of God/heaven in the beatitudes. "6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (ESV)

I. Hunger and Thirst

- A. A strong desire - a desperate hunger or craving
- B. The tense of the Greek words show continuous action:
 1. Keep on hungering & keep on thirsting
- C. What we hunger and thirst for is what drives us in life.

II. For Righteousness

- A. There are two main ways this phrase is used in the New Testament
 1. To be made right with God and His law by faith in Christ.
 - a) See Romans 4:5-8; 9:30-10:21
 2. To do what is right — to practice righteousness
 - a) Matthew 5:10

III. They Shall Be Filled

- A. Some examples of how this word is used in the New Testament:
 1. Matthew 14:20
 - a) "Your hunger has been quenched" or "more than enough is given"
 2. James 2:15-16
 - a) Note the contrast between "lacking in daily food" in verse 15 and being "filled" in verse 16.
- B. What is Jesus saying in Matthew 5:6?
 1. As we seek our greatest need in life (righteousness), He will give us what we seek.
 2. God will also satisfy our physical needs (Matthew 6.33)

IV. Application

- A. What do you crave in life? What do you seek to be satisfied with?
- B. Learn from the Preacher's wisdom in Ecclesiastes
- C. Only God can fill the emptiness in your life. Only He can satisfy the longings of the kingdom citizen.

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Do you feel empty? If so, why do you think this is the case?
 - Are you trying to find satisfaction in the things of the world, such as prosperity, popularity, power, and pleasure?
 - Have you been seeking righteousness as you should? Are you neglecting prayer and Bible reading and/or study?
 - Are there things you are neglecting to do in your service to God?
- Do you have a hunger for God's word? (see 1 Peter 2:1)
- Have you been made right with God?

MY NOTES: