

Hungry For God

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled, Matthew 5:6

The Concept of Hungering and Thirsting

- A. This is not just a “want to” or an “ought to”
Psalm 63:1-2, Psalm 42:1-3
- B. This is a question of our priorities
Matthew 6:33, Colossians 3:17
- C. Our relationship with God must change us
Romans 12:2, Matthew 11:1

Seeking After Righteousness

Righteous: dikaiosunã meaning justice, righteousness

1. Viewed legally: God has declared us righteous
Romans 9:30-10:4, Romans 3:21-26
2. Viewed morally: We are to live by a higher code
Matthew 5:10, Matthew 5:20, Titus 2:11-14
3. Viewed socially: We are to care for the oppressed
Micah 6:8, Luke 4:18

Ironies of This Beatitude

- A. In order to be satisfied by God, we must never stop hungering
Philippians 3:7-14
- B. This beatitude works as a bridge for this part of Jesus’ sermon
- C. Only God can truly satisfy our hunger but many refuse him
Isaiah 55:1-2