

Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Series: The Sermon on the Mount

Mat 5:6 ESV "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

We have many desires (call it hungering & thirsting) that can never be satisfied - but keep our attention

- Ecc 1:8 ESV ... the eye is **not satisfied** with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
- Ecc 5:10 ESV He who loves money **will not be satisfied** with money, **nor he** who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.
- Ecc 6:7 ESV All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his **appetite is not satisfied.**

He tells us to hunger and thirst are **FOR righteousness - then we will be satisfied**

There is a righteousness that is ours because of what Jesus has done (has nothing to do with us)

- Tit 3:5 ESV he saved us, **not because of works done by us in righteousness**, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
- 2Co 5:21 ESV For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him **we might become the righteousness of God.**

BUT there is also a righteousness that we are called to pursue (i.e. hunger & thirst for righteousness)

- 1Ti 6:11 ESV But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. **Pursue [means persecute] righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.
- 2Ti 2:22 ESV So flee youthful passions and **pursue righteousness**, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

HOW → Put off and put on

- Eph 4:22-24 ESV to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through **deceitful desires**, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to **put on the new self**, created after the likeness of God **in true righteousness** and holiness.

Yield your members to God

- Rom 6:13 ESV Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and **your members to God as instruments for righteousness.**

Stay in the word

- 2Ti 3:16-17 ESV All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for **training in righteousness**, 17 that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Jesus is the answer

- Joh 6:35 ESV Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; **whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**
- Psa 107:9 ESV For **he** satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- Pro 21:3 ESV To do **righteousness** and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

Do you have insatiable desires that are never met? Are you trying to fill your life with things that never satisfy? Why not begin to turn your attention to Jesus & Why not start pursuing righteousness...and see what happens