

Lesson 5  
Becoming Righteous  
Matthew 5:6

William Barclay said, “o bliss of the man who longs for total righteousness as a starving man longs for food, and a man perishing of thirst longs for water, for that man will be truly satisfied.”

This beatitude is in reality a question and a challenge

Remember these beatitudes are precept upon precept.

**1) Pursuit Of The \_\_\_\_\_ -vs. 6**

- a) Pascal said, “man is made for God and his soul will never find rest until it rests in Him.”
- b) Hunger and thirst represent the necessities of physical life
- c) Jesus’ analogy demonstrates that righteousness is required for spiritual life just as food and water are required for physical life
- d) Righteousness is not an \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual supplement but a spiritual necessity
- e) Not to hunger for the things of God is like saying I am not going to go after any food or water, I just do not need any of that
- f) **1 Jn. 2:15-17—“ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.**
- g) Seeking satisfaction only in God and in His provision is a mark of those who come into His kingdom
- h) Blessed are those who hunger for the whole of \_\_\_\_\_

**2) The Value of *Salvation* And Sanctification-vs. 6**

- a) In salvation
- b) Righteousness for the unbeliever has as its goal *salvation*
- c) It brings the Holy Spirit to convicting the heart, realizing they are poor in spirit, mourning over their sin and pursuing to serve Him
- d) In sanctification
- e) This verse refers to not only that hunger and thirst that happened right before *salvation*
- f) But is also refers to the continual longing that is perpetuated in the heart of every *saved* person until their dying day
- g) If we longed to be saved by Christ we need to yearn to be made like Him
- h) That is the hunger of which this beatitude speaks, the hunger for righteousness that only the father can satisfy

**3) Assurance Of \_\_\_\_\_ -vs. 6**

- a) They shall be filled
- b) The giving of satisfaction is God’s work
- c) Our part is to \_\_\_\_\_ to seek
- d) His part is to \_\_\_\_\_
- e) “filled”

- f) Used of feeding animals until they wanted nothing more
- g) They were allowed to eat until they were completely satisfied
- h) **Ps. 107:9—“ For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.**
- i) **Ps. 34:10—“ The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing.**
- j) **Ps. 23:1—“ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**
- k) **Ps. 23:5—“ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.**
- l) **Prov. 27:7—“But to a famished man any bitter thing is sweet.**
- m) Even the Lord’s reproofs and *disciplines* bring satisfaction because they are signs of our Father’s love
- n) **Heb. 12:6—“ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.**
- o) The spiritually hungry do not ask for Christ and economic success or for Christ and personal satisfaction or Christ and popularity or Christ and anything else
- p) They want only Christ
- q) And what God in His wisdom and love sovereignly provides through Christ
- r) The spiritually hungry cry
- s) **Ps. 119:20—“ My soul is crushed with longing After Your ordinances at all times.**
- t) And we should confess
- u) **Is. 26:9—“ At night my soul longs for You, Indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently; For when the earth experiences Your judgments The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.**

Key Idea: \_\_\_\_\_