The Sermon on the Mount Matthew chapters 5 - 7 The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-11

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8 Beatitudes

- *v3* Poor in spirit
- v4 Those who mourn
- v5 The meek
- V6 Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness

v7 The merciful
v8 Pure in heart
v9 The peacemakers
v10 The persecuted

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Blessed – (*happy), content, satisfied favoured*

"People who are blessed may outwardly be much to be pitied, but from the soul's standpoint are to be envied, congratulated and imitated."



Fourth Beatitude

v6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied *(filled)*

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Let's consider at 2 things this morning.

- 1. the nature of the righteousness that Jesus has in view, and
- 2. the nature of our hunger and thirst for righteousness



a). God's righteousness Romans ch.1-8 5:17, 3:10, 3:23, 3:21-22 Philippians 3:4-9 2 Corinthians 5:2 1 Peter 2:24

Our justification.



b). Our Righteousness
Right living (according to the God Law)
Being obedient to God's Will.
"righteousness" occurs five times in this
sermon (Matt. 5:6, 10, 20; 6:1, 33).



2. Hunger and thirst.

Most people hunger for Happiness.

What do you hunger and thirst for?



Hunger and thirst to live a life of obedience to God's will.

Jesus said "it is written "man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" Matt.4:4



Psalm 119:160, 172. Ps. 106:32

Psalm 119:2 How **blessed** are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all *their* heart.

Luke 118. Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it



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