

Blessed Are They Which Do Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness

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This beatitude blesses those who intensely desire righteousness—both the imputed righteousness of justification and the practical righteousness of sanctification. The imagery of hunger and thirst conveys desperate longing, not casual preference. As starving people crave food and parched throats crave water, so the blessed intensely desire to be right with God and to live rightly before Him. Such seekers will be filled—satisfied with the righteousness of Christ and progressively transformed into His likeness.

Key Verses

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Psalms 42:1-2

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.

Isaiah 55:1

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat.

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