

# Luke 6:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

## Analysis

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Jesus continues: 'Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled.' Physical hunger represents spiritual hunger—deep longing for righteousness, satisfaction, fulfillment. The Greek 'peinōntes' (πεινῶντες, hungering) indicates ongoing, present-tense hunger—not past hunger but current experience. The promise is 'ye shall be filled' (Greek 'chortasthēsethe,' χορτασθήσεσθε, future passive—you will be satisfied), God's action satisfying hunger. Those aware of their spiritual emptiness seek filling; those considering themselves full see no need. Kingdom blessing comes to those hungering for what only God provides.

## Historical Context

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Literal hunger was common in first-century Palestine due to poverty, crop failure, and economic exploitation. Jesus uses physical hunger as metaphor for spiritual hunger—longing for God, righteousness, truth, meaning. Psalm 42:1-2 expresses this spiritual hunger. The prophets promised messianic age would bring satisfaction (Isaiah 55:1-2, 65:13). Jesus identifies His ministry as fulfilling this—He is the bread of life (John 6:35) who satisfies spiritual hunger. The beatitude promises that current hunger will be reversed—those hungry now will feast in God's kingdom.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does spiritual hunger—awareness of our emptiness and need—prepare us to receive what God offers?
2. What does Jesus' promise that the hungry will be filled teach about God's commitment to satisfy those who seek Him?

## Interlinear Text

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μακάριοι	οἱ	πεινῶντες	νῦν	ὅτι	χορτασθήσεσθε
<b>Blessed</b>	G3588	<b>are ye that hunger</b>	<b>now</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>ye shall be filled</b>
G3107		G3983	G3568	G3754	G5526

μακάριοι	οἱ	κλαίοντες	νῦν	ὅτι	γελάσετε
<b>Blessed</b>	G3588	<b>are ye that weep</b>	<b>now</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>ye shall laugh</b>
G3107		G2799	G3568	G3754	G1070

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 5:6** (Blessing): Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**John 6:35** (Parallel theme): And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

**James 1:12** (Blessing): Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**Matthew 5:4** (Blessing): Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

**Luke 1:53** (Parallel theme): He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**Revelation 7:16** (Parallel theme): They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

**Luke 6:25** (Parallel theme): Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

**Isaiah 30:19** (Parallel theme): For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

**Psalms 17:15** (Parallel theme): As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

**Jeremiah 31:9** (Parallel theme): They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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