

The Beatitudes
“Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness”
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

“Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled” Matthew 5:6 (NKJV).

Psalm 107:5-9 “Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, *And* He delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place. Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, *And for* His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, *And* fills the hungry soul with goodness.”

The Lord wants to bring you to Himself. Only God can fill that vacuum.

Isaiah 64:6 “But we are all like an unclean *thing*, *And* all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; *We* all fade as a leaf, *And* our iniquities, like the wind, *Have* taken us away.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

We are made righteous with His righteousness.

- A. Pure and holy
- B. Right living

Receive that by faith

Ephesians 2:5-10 “...even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”

Romans 5:1-5 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have[fn] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. *And* not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit

who was given to us.”

Colossians 1:19-22 “For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—...”

Hebrews 2:1 “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”

Joshua 1:8-9 ““This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.””

Pay Closer Attention

Jeremiah 29:11-13 “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Psalms 139:1b-3, 14, 17, 23 “O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways...I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well...How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!...Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties...”

In the natural we seek out those who love us. We gravitate toward them. How much more does God love us.

Problem: We look at circumstances and get off track.

- Why did that happen?

Directions First:

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

- Lemon Tree
- Grapes of the Promised Land

John 15:4-5 ““Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in

the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Bear fruit not because of what’s around you but what’s inside you.

Psalm 118:1, 5-6, 8, 17-19 “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever...I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me *and set me* in a broad place. The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?... *It is* better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man... I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD. The LORD has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, *And* I will praise the LORD.”