

The Satisfaction of the Starving

Matthew 5:6

The **progression** of the Beatitudes so far ...

v. 3 – Consciousness of my _____ ...

v. 4 – Consciousness of my desperate need to the _____ ...

v. 5 – Consciousness of my own desperate need to the point of pain that _____ me and renders me _____ on God ...

And that awareness and pain that humbled me drives me to seek _____ and _____:

⁶ **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”**

Hunger and thirst = practical desiring or _____

Misplaced appetites and **dissatisfaction**:

What are we to long for?

A contextual definition of “righteousness”

A desire for “_____” everywhere and in everyone. Personally, it is a desire for the righteousness of _____ (not just that which comes from _____). Socially, it is a desire for God’s _____ in the world and for _____ to His laws.

The Promise?

_____.

This fulfillment is ultimately _____ ...I will (if I am in Christ) see the day when _____ and all its effects are _____. I will see the triumph of true and total _____ in His Kingdom.

But if I truly hunger and thirst for that outcome, I won’t just _____ for *perfect* satisfaction. I will want it to see righteousness _____ – in my day.

Therefore, I will ...

Seek true satisfaction ...

In _____ Himself.

² *My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. (Psa 42:2)*

¹³ *... for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Jer 2:13)*

In _____ with God.

No longer _____ for my sin ...

¹⁴ *Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation ... (Psa 51:14a)*

No longer _____ by my sin ...

¹⁴ *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace ...*

¹⁷ *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. (Rom 6:14, 17-18)*

No longer _____ that sin ...

⁵ *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. (Col 3:5)*

In persistent, personal _____.

⁷⁴ *that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. (Luke 1:74-75)*

¹⁰ *But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (Rom 8:10)*

²⁴ *... put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph 4:24)*

In active, applied _____.

⁸ *For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. (Isa 61:8-9)*

²⁷ *Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. ²⁸ For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.*

²⁹ *The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever. (Psa 37:27-29)*

My obedient response today: