

## "THE BEATITUDE SERIES"

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**Mt. 5:6**

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

**Note:** Not possible to reach a higher virtues until "Poverty in Spirit" is attained.

### **Spiritual Paradox:**

"As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 2 Cor. 6:9, 10

### **Note:**

Because man had perfect righteousness before the fall, he enjoyed perfect blessedness. If you and I will, by divine, grace, attain to blessedness, it will be because God has restored us to righteousness.

Righteousness is essential to the blessedness/happiness of man.

...they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:

Hunger and Thirst: separate they bring a both pangs and a gnawing to the body. Together they cause a restless, terrible passion that is indescribable.

Has anyone felt this insatiable craving for righteousness?

Most say this is imputed or implanted righteousness- the scriptures  
Do not distinguish and neither will we.

Righteousness as the **Word**.

This was the problem with Ephesus.

Rev. 2 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast **left thy first love**.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will **remove thy candlestick** out of his place, except thou repent.

Righteousness as a way of **thinking**.

This could be everyone's problem.

Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Roman 8: 5-6 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

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Righteousness as a practice of **doing**.

Most aren't doing & those that are, aren't not doing right.

Gal. 6:9 **And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**

1 Cor. 15:8 **Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.**

Righteousness as to the **relationship**.

The same Spirit makes man long to get right with God; and, his conscience being aroused, he cannot rest till this is done.

Mark 12:30 **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment**

**No evidence = conviction** (Paradox)

**Note:**

You will never be filled unless you hunger first. Hunger for the right thing (**after righteousness**)

The desire must be **discriminating**.

Hungering of the lost folks.

Many refuse the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the **bread of heaven**.

**Note:** The Sermon on the Mount is demanding; we must, to be successful, meet the demand.