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THE BEATITUDES

Blessed Are Those Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness, For They Shall Be Satisfied. Marti. 5:6

- Hungering and thirsting.
 - These are appetites that return for satisfaction very frequently.
 - Good appetite is a sign of health. 1 Pet. 2:2
 - The road to heaven is difficult and narrow.
 Matt. 7:13-14
 - But very few are making the necessary preparations. *Luke* 13:22-30

- Hungering and thirsting.
 - Some are hungering after a life of ease.
 Luke 12:16-21
 - Others hunger the praise of men.
 Dan. 4:29-30
 - While others just love this world.
 - 2 Tim. 4:10

- What is righteousness?
 - Greek word means "integrity, virtue, purity of life, correctness in thinking, feeling, and acting"
 (J. H. Thayer)
 - The Pharisees righteousness was merely external.
 Matt. 23:1-5, 28; Luke 18:9-14
 - Righteousness cannot be obtained by meritorious works. *Rom.* 10:1-3; 3:10

- What is righteousness?
 - Such righteousness can only be obtained through the gospel. *Rom.* 1:16-17; *Matt.* 5:20
 - Hunger and thirst means to have a strong desire for it. Ps. 63:1; 42:1-2; 122:1
 - Such hunger can only be developed by those who recognize their state before God.
 Isa. 59:1-2; Ps. 8:3-4

- The result of such hunger and thirst: they shall be satisfied.
 - Filled with what? With righteousness!
 - Filled as if after a meal where there was plenty.
 Matt. 14:20; Mark 8:8-9
 - Satisfaction will come when we take every opportunity to delight in God's word. *Ps. 1:1-3; Matt. 4:4*
 - Satisfaction will come when we apply what we learn to our lives. John 6:48-51; 4:10-14
 - If we are willing to seek, we will find. Matt. 7:7-11

