

## **Hunger For Righteousness Matthew 5:6**

Blessedness and Happiness, which everyone wants, are dependent on Hunger and Thirst, which no one desires.

### **A Look At Righteousness**

Talked about Righteousness in several classes and lessons lately  
Many Bible passages exalt righteousness - notice from Proverbs:  
*Proverbs 10:2; 14:34; 16:8; 21:21*

### **What Is Righteousness?**

Webster: being in accord with that which is just, good or proper.

Vines: the character or quality of being right or just - that which is consistent with God's own nature and promises, whatever conforms to revealed will of God.

Word of God called righteousness - produce state of righteousness - **Psalm 119:172; Hebrews 5:13; 2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 2:5**

Christ Gospel contains God's system of Righteousness for this age - **Galatians 2:21; Romans 10:4; 1:16-17**

### **Some Limitations Regarding Righteousness**

Own system of Righteousness regardless how zealous won't avail - **Romans 10:1-4**

Righteousness will not avail if we forsake it - **Ezekiel 33:12; 18:20; 2Peter 2:20-22**

### **How Are We Filled Or Become Righteous**

*Romans 3:10; 5:9; 6:16-18; 1John 1:7-9*

### **Rewards Of Righteousness**

Temporal rewards - **Psalms 37:25; Matthew 6:33; Mark 10:29-30**

Eternal rewards - **Matthew 25:21; Revelation 2:10; 2Timothy 4:8**

### **Where Do Hunger And Thirst Fit?**

Signs of vital daily needs to maintain health & strength - apply to all!

Two strongest desires in man - take precedence over all other desires. Hunger will cause you to eat things you normally would not eat; thirst will cause you to drink water from places you normally would not drink.

The person who truly hungers and thirsts after Righteousness will not rest until he learns and obeys the Gospel (God's righteousness) - **Romans 1:16-17**

To hunger and thirst after Righteousness will keep us feeding on God's Word - **1Corinthians 15:58**

If we have this strong desire for righteousness we will be happy or blessed because we will be practicing God's way, which is the only place from which true happiness can come

As with food and water you cannot afford to not be filled with righteousness for without it you cannot be happy.

Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness?

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