

Matthew 5:6

Craving What is Good

Know what's good ...

I. A Sacred Longing

- A. Desperately Aching
- B. For Holiness

II. Hungrily Pursued

- A. Tasted
- B. Craved
- C. Carried Out

III. Satisfied

- A. Daily
- B. Eternally

... anticipate a feast.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why do we want our sins to be forgiven?
2. How are sins forgiven?
3. How should we feel about sin that we still have in our life? What should we do about it?
4. How do you feel when you see other people living in sin and the world troubled by sin?
5. The Bible teaches that one day there will be a New Heavens and New Earth. Will there be any sin or evil when that time comes?

A Sanctified Appetite

What do you long for the most? We crave, desire and even covet many things – some good, some not so good, some necessities, some luxuries and let's face it, some guilty pleasures. But what if we actually hungered and thirsted for what we needed most – and what if what we needed most is what we learned to desire most. In the realm of ultimate things what we need most is to be reconciled to God our Creator. In order for that to happen we need righteousness, but that is something we could never attain on our own. In His mercy God has provided that through Jesus's saving work. With regard to salvation we see our unrighteousness that keeps us from God and turn to Christ whose imputed righteousness allows for reconciliation the Holy One. But our desire for righteousness does not end there: we want to see ourselves grown in holiness through the sanctifying work of the Word and the Spirit. We want to see righteousness reign in the lives of others – to see it in society – our country etc. In fact, we long for the day when righteousness reigns over all in the New Heavens and New Earth. Let the good things of God so stimulate your appetite for holiness that you crave righteousness with a devout hunger.