

Blessed Are the Hungry **Luke 6:21**

Luke 6:21a: "Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled."

Matthew 5:6: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."

"Beatitude" = a state of utmost _____; the Beatitudes are Jesus' estimate of true _____

Though a genuine believer fail in a certain area, at least he can say, "I _____ for righteousness in this area"

Spurgeon: God will not doubt judge us on the _____ of our hearts: do we at least purpose to do right

I. THE OBJECT OF THIS BEATITUDE: RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. Not Happiness

1) The beatitude that reflects our American culture today: Blessed are the _____

2) But it is also the beatitude of many _____ who add Christ to the mix to make them happy

3) Seek happiness and it will run from you; hunger for righteousness and happiness will _____ you

B. But Righteousness

1) _____ Righteousness

2) A Righteous _____

If you cherish the thought that Christ can save you and you can _____ in sin, you are unsaved

3) A Righteous _____

A truly saved man hungers after "holiness, without which no man shall see ____" (Hebrews 12:14)

4) The God of _____

II. THE ESSENCE OF THE BEATITUDE: HUNGER

A. A _____ Desire

1) You do not have to tell a person to be hungry or thirsty unless that person is very _____

2) Often our spiritual hunger is so weak because we fill our lives with spiritual _____

B. A _____ Desire

1) Hunger and thirst in _____ was much more life-threatening than what we know today

2) Part of our problem is that we experience no greater hunger for _____ than we do for food

C. A _____ Desire

1) Hunger and thirst drive a person harder than any other needs in the world: his #1 _____

2) A truly hungry man will eat just about anything and it can even change his _____

D. An _____ Desire

1) How many times in your life have you said, "I'm hungry" or "I'm thirsty"? _____

2) How many hundreds of times have you heart your _____ say, "I'm hungry" or "I'm thirsty"?

3) It is just as natural to express our spiritual hunger and thirst in _____