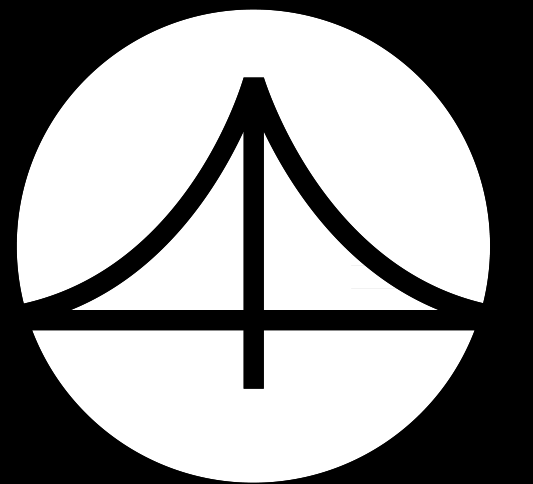


Beatitudes: Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Matthew 5:6



Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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Blessings of Proper Hunger

- We all hunger and thirst for things all the time
- Jesus isn't calling us to trade contentment for hunger, He's calling us to trade deficient hunger for proper hunger
- Wrong hungers put us at the center of the universe, but right hunger puts God at the center and frees us to live properly

Matthew 5:6

What to Hunger and Thirst For

- Righteousness can mean:
 1. Legally: Being not guilty (in court)
 2. Morally: Living in the right way
 3. Socially: Seeking to make society better
- Problem: Striving for moral righteousness easily slips into self-righteousness
- Solution: Once we're given legal righteousness by Jesus, we can live out true moral righteousness

Matthew 5:6

Promised Satisfaction

- “They” is emphatic - only those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied
- Full satisfaction in eternity, partial satisfaction here and now
- Ask: “God, what are the wrong things I’m hungering and thirsting for that get in the way of me hungering and thirsting for righteousness?”
- Tool for identifying wrong hungers: Emotions

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