

Beatitudes: Characteristics from the Heavenly Realm

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 119:33-40

I. “Blessed are Those Who Hunger & Thirst After Righteousness”

A. “Righteousness” is the state of those who live “right”!

1. This is the elusive goal of all mankind. For the harder we strive for it the further from us it becomes!
 - a. Religious people understand their need for righteousness, yet . . . !

Galatians 3:21

Galatians 2:21

Romans 3:10

Romans 7:12

Romans 10:2-3

Romans 1:16-17

- b. Thus, righteousness cannot be achieved thru our efforts, but by trusting in God’s efforts for us!

Romans 4:2-3

Romans 3:27-28

B. How Does a Person “Hunger and Thirst” for Righteousness?

1. The question asked by His disciples on a day they brought Him lunch...
 - a. The question we need to ask ourselves, “Am I hungering and thirsting after God’s will in my life?”

John 4:31-34

2. The question asked of Jesus by the religious one day on the streets of Capernaum...
 - a. “*What shall we do that we may work the works of God?*”

John 6:28-29

3. Sadly, the religious were always seeking a chance to condemn Him . . .

John 6:30-35

Matthew 11:28-29

C. "...For They Shall be Satisfied."

1. The things for which people "*hunger and thirst*" for in this life neither last nor satisfy.
 - a. The physical things for which we labor do not provide lasting enjoyment.

Proverbs 27:20

Ecclesiastes 2:18-19

2. The only thing which satisfies in this life and which lasts throughout the next life is . . .
 - a. Longest chapter in the Bible is **Psalm 119** (176 verses)!

Psalm 107:9

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Matthew 4:3-11

James 1:21

3. Yet God has clothed His "communication" to us in flesh and blood so we may see His will lived out before us.
 - a. (**John 1:1, 14**), "*In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....*"

Matthew 15:33-37

John 6:35

Matthew 5:6

CONCLUSIONS:

Matthew 24:35

John 6:41, 68

John 3:3-5; 1 Peter 3:21; 1:23