# **The Beatitudes- Part 5 - Hungering and Thirsting Pt-2**

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# [Matthew 5:3-16](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt5.3-16)

[Mt 5:6](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt5.6) “6 Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst** for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”

Hunger - Greek πεινάω peinaō [pay-now] hunger; to be hungry to the point of starvation; to experience extreme desire

Thirst - Greek διψάω dipsaō [dip-sow] be thirsty; to be thirsty to the point of dehydration; to experience extreme desire

Jesus uses these words in distinct ways in the beginning and the end of His earthly ministry.

[Matthew 4:2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt4.2) “2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry (πεινάω peinaō [pay-now])”

This comes 40 days after His baptism by John the Baptist and He is led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit for a 40 day fast and to be tempted by the Devil.

[Matthew 4:2-4](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt4.2-4) “2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” 4 But He answered and said, **“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ””**

Jesus quotes from the Old Testament from [Deuteronomy 8:3](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Dt8.3) “3 So He (God) humbled you, **allowed you to hunger**, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, **that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.**”

[John 19:28](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn19.28) “28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst! (διψάω dipsaō [dip-sow])””

Jesus ministry begins and ends so to speak on these two things, Hungering and Thirsting and revealing in between that He is the “Righteous One” ([Acts 7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ac7), [22](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ac22), [1 John 2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Jn2))

The Righteous One became sin so we could become righteous!

**2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV**

21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

So what does it mean for us to Hunger and Thirst?

Two Pictures:

› **Desperation:**

1993 Kevin Carter Pulitzer Prize winning photo of a Sudanese girl starving by the side of the road near a UN Food Distribution Center with a vulture waiting in the background for the child to die so it could get a meal.

Compassion international, Life Outreach, Samaritans Purse etc, “Hunger to the point of starvation”

› **Desire:**

**I can live off of a hamburger but that perfectly cooked Ribeye steak is what I desire.**

Thomas Watson (AD 1620-1686) has suggested that to hunger and thirst for righteousness is to hunger for Christ alone: “Hunger is satisfied with nothing but food. Bring a hungry man flowers, music; tell him pleasant stories; nothing will content him but food.… So a man that hungers and thirsts after righteousness says, **‘Give me Christ, or I die.** Lord, what wilt thou give me seeing I go Christless? What though I have wealth, honor and esteem in the world? All is nothing without Christ. Show me the Lord and it will suffice me. Let me have Christ to clothe me, Christ to feed me, Christ to intercede for me. While the soul is Christless it is restless. Nothing but the water-springs of Christ’s blood can quench its thirst”.

A couple weeks ago on Sunday night we were in [John 4:13-14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn4.13-14) “13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will **thirst** διψάω dipsaō [dip-sow] again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.””

[John 7:37-38](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn7.37-38) “37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.””

In [Isaiah 55:1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Is55.1-2) “1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, **Come to the waters**; **And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat**. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.”

Job said in: [Job 23:12](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Job23.12) (NKJV)

I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the **words of His mouth** More than my **necessary *food*.**

**It’s the great exchange**

**Our sin for His righteousness**

Trading the desires of this world, that which we hunger for and thirst for in this life and exchange those desires for the desire of Christ Likeness

How might we know if we are hungering and thirsting for righteousness?

• Are you satisfied with yourself? The person who is pleased and content with his own righteousness will see little need for God’s. No matter how mature we may become, we should always be prepared to declare: I’m hungry for more.

• Do you have an insatiable appetite for God’s Word? See [Psalm 119:1–3](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps119.1-3), [18–20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps119.18-20), [97–104](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps119.97-104), [129–131](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps119.129-131), [161–168](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps119.161-168).

• Is your hunger and thirst unconditional? The rich young ruler wanted Christ and his possessions. ([Matthew 19:16-22](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt19.16-22)) Do we say, “I want Christ and my pride … and my immorality … and my success … and, and, and?”

[Psalm 27:4](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps27.4) “4 **One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek**: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.”

[Luke 10:41-42](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Lk10.41-42) “41 And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.””

We Hunger and We thirst for more of Jesus and guess what happens?

The promise is that “they shall be satisfied.” [Ps. 107:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ps107.9) “9 **For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.”**  But with what? Jesus means that if we hunger and thirst for righteousness it is with righteousness that we shall be filled.

We find Legal Righteousness, in our Justification before God because of Christ work on the Cross 2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We become Morally Righteous because God Changes us as we hunger and thirst to become more like Christ

We begin to act to change the world because our hearts begin to break for what breaks the heart of God: Brokenness in the world. Loving people into the same relationship with God that we get to have!

**Christ Witnesses to the Woman at the Well (John 4:1–26)**

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