

“The Beatitudes: Hungering and Thirsting for Righteousness”

Matthew 5:6

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Matthew 5:1-6

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Introduction:

John 6:35

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

John 7:37-38

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me..., ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Luke 16:22-24

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’

Hunger / Thirst

Righteousness (Justice)

The “Problem of Righteousness”...

Romans 3:21-23

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law...²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Imputation (Covered)

1st Imputation: Our sins ➡ Jesus

2nd Imputation: Jesus' Righteousness ➡ Us

2 Corinthians 5:21

He who had no sin, became sin for us...
so that IN HIM WE might become the

1 Peter 2:24

He (Jesus) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.