

KINGDOM LIFE

OUTRAGEOUS HOPE
FOR ORDINARY LIFE

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Matthew 5:1-3

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

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

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

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

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



The Beatitudes

Empty
Hands

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

Dirty
Hands

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

Open
Hands

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

Outstretched
Hands

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



5:6 **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,”**

Hunger and Thirst

Created Satisfied

“So God created man in his own image...”

Sought “more” Satisfaction

“that the tree was to be desired to make one wise”

Search for Satisfaction

Eccl 3:10
“...(God) has put eternity into man’s heart...”

ReSatisfied

John 10:10b
“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”



5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,”

We all want to be “made right”. We know that creation is broken, and we along with it. Our lives are spent trying to re-capture what our souls have lost.

I'd be satisfied if _____

Hunger and Thirst



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Immoral

Sexual escapades,
gossip, greed,
deception.

Amoral

Job, money,
relationships, things,
“likes,” “views”

Moral

My own goodness
(especially compared
to others’)



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Hunger and Thirst

Satisfaction Buffet

I'll have a big helping of success
A handful of good deeds
A spoonful of romantic love
And pour some spirituality on top

The CRAVING under the CRAVING

Example:
We may pursue
relationships for...

better feelings,
...acceptance,
...reputation,
...self-acceptance,
...completeness.



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Jeremiah 2:12

Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the LORD,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

“It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

— C.S. Lewis,
The Weight of Glory

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Sin "satisfies" us for a little while, or else we wouldn't do it.
But it ends up leaving us a little emptier than before we started.

Intimacy:

"continual thirst for more"...rule of diminishing returns, and "ruins our appetite" for True Righteousness.

Morality:

Leaves us in white-washed hollow arrogance, feeling like we are better than others and need less Jesus

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.
- C.S. Lewis



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When Jesus said “righteousness” he meant TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- 1) See how our souls are starving and being fed poisonous food.
- 2) But are offered the Righteous Bread of Christ

John 6:35

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



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Passive vs Active Righteousness

Philippians 3:8

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Satisfied



5:6 “for they shall be satisfied.”

Jesus was broken on the cross so that he could
exchanged His Righteousness for our Brokenness.
We have been ReCreated Satisfied.
Completely Completed.

God is fully satisfied with you;
So you can be fully satisfied in Him.

You can't make God more or less satisfied with you.
It is finished.

“GOD IS
MOST
GLORIFIED
IN ME
WHEN I AM
MOST
SATISFIED
IN HIM.”

John Piper



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Satisfied

Satisfaction Overflow

John 7:37-38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Worship

Mission



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Hunger and Thirst

There are two ways in which a practical moralist may attempt to displace from the human heart its love of the world - either by a demonstration of the world's vanity, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon simply to withdraw its regards from an object that is not worthy of it; or, by setting forth another object, even God, as more worthy of its attachment, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon not to resign an old affection, which shall have nothing to succeed it, but to exchange an old affection for a new one.

- “The Expulsive Power of a New Affection”,
Thomas Chalmers

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that
the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who
takes refuge in him!

