

# HUNGER AND THIRST

## MATTHEW 5

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<sup>6</sup> Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Introduction:

## 1. PRINCIPLES SEEN

### A. Poor in spirit

Poverty of Spirit then, is the personal acknowledgment of spiritual bankruptcy.

There are at least three areas that are affected by being poor in spirit.

- Salvation (2 Cor 5:21, John 3:36)
- Submission

What causes us to fail in submitting to the Lord, thus causing us to not be poor in Spirit?

- Pride.

- Service

The person who is truly poor in spirit is available to God, even though he realizes that he in himself is nothing.

### B. Mourning

- Self - When we see ourselves in our sinful state and condition
- Saints - When we see people who claim to be saved live in outright sin
- Sinners - When we consider their end, Hell. Psalms 126:5-6

### C. Meek

Meekness meant gentle, mild, teachable.

### D. Hunger and thirst

Hunger and thirst are two basic needs. It is the result of a lack of something. (See Rev 3:17)

Illustration: Luke 15 Prodigal

- Desire - Hunger and thirst

- Distinction - “DO”
- Direction - After righteousness

## 2. PROGRESSION SEEN

A. Poor in Spirit results in being Merciful

Merciful means to have compassion, to be tender to or towards, to show mercy.

When we see ourselves as depraved, sinful people we to can and should show mercy to those around us.

B. Mourning results in a pure heart.

When we see ourselves as God sees us, it can do nothing but cause us to mourn, and that mourning leads us to Christ and salvation which results in a pure heart.

C. Meekness results in becoming a peacemaker.

As we learn what Christ did for us in salvation, and our heart is made clean by the blood of Christ through Salvation, we will see the importance of trying to be a peacemaker.

Dying to self, and following and serving the Saviour.

D. Hunger and Thirst keeps us going when we are persecuted.

## 3. PROMISES SEEN

A. Blessed - Means supremely blessed, fortunate, well-off, happy.

B. Comfort - to be drawn near, consoled, comforted, exhorted.

C. Filled - Feed, fill and satisfy

D. Mercy - To be shown mercy