

# Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst

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## Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when [Jesus] saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## 1. HUNGER & THIRST INDICATES SPIRITUAL HEALTH

### Psalms 42:1-2

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God...

### Psalms 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

### Psalms 34:10

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

## 2. WRONG FOOD DOES NOT FILL US

### Isaiah 55:1-2

[The Lord says] 1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come... 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare."

## 3. ONLY GOD TRULY SATISFIES

### Matthew 5:6

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

### 1 Peter 2:2-3

2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

### Psalms 107:9

[The Lord] satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

### John 7:37-38

37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."