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## "HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS"

(Matthew 5:6)

**INTRODUCTION** - Jesus takes a physical sensation and develops a spiritual lesson.

(Matthew 4:4) "Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

(John 6:27) "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which  
endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you ..."

### 1. "HUNGER AND THIRST" - and it's repetitious.

**"Hunger"** - to be famished; starved; distressed because of lack of food.

**"Thirst"** - painfully feel the want of; parched; to pant; to eagerly long for.

**Jesus' words** had understandable significance to an Israelite audience.

The Israelite travel experience was quite different from our experience.

**Examples: of what people do to satisfy "hunger and thirst:"**

(Genesis 25:34) Esau sold his birthright to Jacob "for bread and stew."

(Numbers 11:5-6) Israelites said, "Our soul is dried away" and murmured.

(2 Kings 6:24-29) A famine in Samaria, "So we boiled my son, and ate him"

**This beatitude** 1) gives a demand for Christian living 2) gives a cause for failure in Christian living 3) and it's not "blessed are those who have attained righteousness;" rather, those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness."

### 2. "AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS"

**"Righteousness"** - that which is right toward God; adhere to God's word;  
"proving what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

(Psalm 119:172) "My tongue shall speak of Thy word:  
for all Thy commandments are righteousness." (Psalm 42:1-2; 63:1-8)

### 3. "FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED" - filled with what? "righteousness!"

**"Filled"** - satisfied; all I need; lacking nothing.

**Lesson:** Physically, we get "full / filled;" however, we get hungry and thirsty again. The desire for food returns or keeps coming back again.

**Spiritually**, the same; so, keep "hungering and thirsting for righteousness."

**CLOSE:** Don't ever lose the desire for God's word!