

HUNGER for Righteousness

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Main Scripture: Matthew 5: 6; Psalm 42: 1- 2; Revelation 3: 14- 18

Supporting Scriptures: Matthew 6:19; 1 John 2: 15-16; Hebrews 1:5 ; Romans 3: 10; Ephesians 5: 18; Isaiah 55: 3- 4; Malachi 3: 8-10

Notes:

It is the faithfulness of God that has kept us. The Lord is good.

There is a mystery in the working of God's power. Sometimes we are clinging to him and we see that nothing is happening but God does not work like the systems of this world. We will see things that make us believe that everything is working against us but we must know there is a God that has everything in control. That's the thing about God, for those who want to see him must show patience. You wait on the Lord with an expectation knowing that everything will work out for good. By just waving your hands something is happening in the spiritual realm.

We are grateful to the Lord for allowing his light to shine on us we who were dwelling in darkness and the great light has shone. No longer in darkness or bound but we are made free because the light has shone on us.

Every man desires a blessing. Mankind often misunderstands this need for a blessing to be something sensual, of fame and power and things in this world. In mankind's broken state they can not understand the things from the kingdom of God. Many are then attracted to the physical blessing

Matthew 5 outlines the attitudes of those who are part of this kingdom. Today we are talking about those who are hungry and thirsty after righteousness, there is a promise that they shall be filled.

Matthew 6:19; 1 John 2: 15-16

Don't love this world or the things of this world the love of the father is not in him.

Man's nature is carnal and corrupt, sinful and having no hope but it's to the multitude that the Lord recognizes the need of the multitude and so he called his disciples to instruct them of the attitude they need to have to reach the dying world.

It is a great tragedy concerning the church and time we live in and the action of men who are supposed to be the light of this world. Jesus recognizes to reach this world we have to teach men how we ought to be to reach this world. There needs to be a hunger and a thirst for righteousness.

What is it to hunger and thirst?

It is a divine discontentment with everything, unlike God. It is the passion for setting up the kingdom of God among men. It makes us restless, angry, and discontented when we see the injustice and failure of

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men that we often see. Where the poor and needy and those who are classified as being on the lower side of the scale are looked down on with contempt and treated with disregard.

Hebrews 1: 5 - we must have a hunger and thirst for righteousness.

We get the picture of one who is starving in his spirit where nothing of this world can satisfy. It is hungry for the kingdom of God.

This hunger and thirst are much more than an appetite to do the right things but it brings with it a strong influence of a desire for the will of God to be established on this earth.

How many of us are hungry and recognize the lack in this world?

Mankind is blessed when he desires the entire righteousness of God, not just bits and pieces here and there.

Romans 3: 10

The righteous man recognizes his only hope is in God. The tragedy today is that we lack the hunger and thirst for God's righteousness. We consider ourselves blessed by being filled materially with things of this world. But the blessed man wants the whole deposit of God's righteousness.

There is a starving that only God can answer.

Isaiah 55: 3-4

The blessing and supply that men need come directly from the Lord. There is something that God has to give mankind that will satisfy hunger.

God alone is righteous and perfectly good. What we lack is an appetite and thirst for the living God. we have become comfortable in what we think.

Revelation 3: 14-18

When the eyes of the Lord look down and he doesn't see the appetite for him, he says, despite what we know about ourselves, that we have believed a lie and are poor and naked.

If we want a move of God we must seek the heart of God to love the things that he loves and hate the things that he hates. God never told the church he would bless us with goods.

The great tragedy is that when we believe that this hunger and thirst is filled by the things of this world it's the greatest deception because we are naked and don't even know. This is the greater shame than that of Adam because when they sinned they knew they were naked and were ashamed but how great deception when we call ourselves rich having no need of anything but we are wretched, poor and blind, naked and not ashamed.

We need to return to the great hunger and thirst for righteousness. We shouldn't cast our eyes on this world and see the injustice and turn our eyes away. No, we want the righteousness of God to be established.

I want the righteousness of God to be established. There are too many of us not hungry or thirsty for God we are living in deception. The church needs to be hungry and have the compassion that Jesus had. The church needs the heart of God. When a man understands that in him there is no good thing he will cling to Jesus Christ the perfect one. It doesn't matter how much good we do that can not make us right our righteousness comes from faith in Jesus Christ.

If we are ever going to see a move of God it takes a great deal of hunger and thirst. It won't come by the clapping of our hands or the lifting up of our hands but starvation of the soul. I want to be a conduit of the expression of God. The filling of the soul depends totally on God. Only God has the ability to make the difference and to answer the great need of man.

How long will we continue in the path we are in. Are you filled with the blessing from the Lord. or do you want more of Him?

The church's appetite can not be shallow, we must have a great appetite for more.

It's not good just to be part of an assembly but we must be motivated to fulfill that which we are called to do. When your soul is filled with an alien matter it provokes the heart of God. Don't you see the injustice in our land? No mercy, none to look on those that are disadvantaged.

How great and depressing it can be that we see the failure in our society and all our eyes are on what we can get in this world. Seeking to be filled with the things of this world but deep within there is a soul that is crying... I am covered up with material wealth and I am still empty.

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled. There is none that is thirsty for the living God and walks away with the thirst not quenched.

Malachi 3: 8-10

God wants us to follow the principle outlined here to put God first over material things. Is there a hunger deep within and thirst within?

Is there someone who is thirsty for God and like David you long to appear before Him?

There is something that comes from God that when you drink from it it will lead you in the purpose of God. Is there a thirst in the congregation of God? Are you seeking out the bread that came from heaven?

One of the challenges is that there are folks who are so easily satisfied but then they are those who are not satisfied we want more and more until the day we die.