

Ultimate Reality – Part 4 Increasing Your Appetite

Matthew 5:6

*“Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness . . .”*

Why the hunger & thirst analogy?

What is righteousness?

There are three aspects of righteousness in the Bible:

- _____ – Justification of man before God
- _____ – Character and conduct that pleases God
- _____ – Seeking humanity’s liberation from oppression and injustice

How do we achieve righteousness?

1. We must _____ .

John 4:10-14

2. We must desire a _____ righteousness, not our own.

Psalm 42:1-4

We are not meant to hunger and thirst after experiences, we are meant to hunger and thirst after blessedness.

We must reach a point where all unrighteousness grieves us, and makes us homesick for heaven where all such issues are no more.

We must long for a righteousness that is higher than our own. We must desire a righteousness that is equal to and identical with God’s.

3. We must desire it _____. We must desire it enough to abandon all hope of achieving salvation by our own efforts.

If we are poor in spirit, that is, if we recognize our spiritual bankruptcy, and if we mourn because we see the grief over personal losses and the suffering of humanity, and if we realize that sin is the root cause of it all, we simply cannot help but be meek and humble. If radically changes our view of ourselves. We then will desire righteousness so much that we abandon our hopes of achieving it and therefore are able to receive it freely from God.

Isaiah 25:6