

**Matthew 5:6**

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

Blessed

"Makarios is a state of existence in relationship to God in which a person is "blessed" from God's perspective even when he or she doesn't feel happy or isn't presently experiencing good fortune. This does not mean a conferral of blessing or an exhortation to live a life worthy of blessing; rather, it is an acknowledgment that the ones indicated are blessed. Negative feelings, absence of feelings, or adverse conditions cannot take away the blessedness of those who exist in relationship with God."

Are

"Jesus' followers will actualize these ethical and moral ideals, not as a means of entering the kingdom but as an outgrowth of the kingdom life that will be theirs through the empowering of the Spirit."

Hunger and Thirst

The 'hunger and thirst' that Jesus is talking about is a passionate desperation.

Righteousness

- being proper or right in the sense of being fully justified
- being or in accordance with what God requires
- is the quality of being upright.
- In its simplest sense, it conveys the idea of conformity to a standard or norm

"God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be a sin offering for us, so that in him (Jesus) we might become the **righteousness** of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

Filled

- means to eat one's fill resulting in a state of being satisfied
- used figuratively by Jesus to refer to experiencing inward satisfaction, being fully satisfied or being content with some object or state.

"They all ate and were *satisfied*, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

"A dead body feels no hunger and the dead soul knows not the pangs of holy desire. "If you want God," said the old saint, "you have already found Him." Our desire for fuller life is proof that some life must be there already. Our very dissatisfactions should encourage us, our yet unfulfilled aspirations should give us hope." A. W. Tozer

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