

Hungering & Thirsting

After Righteousness



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- The first three beatitudes were about an emptying process (cp. Matthew 12:43-45)
- Thayer's: Equivalent to "suffer want; to be needy; metaphorically, to crave ardently, to seek with eager desire"
- Absolute terms which emphasize the painful want and longing for things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, strengthened
- They have nothing required to sustain the basics of life. They don't just hunger, they equally thirst!

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- **We Will Pay Any Price To Satisfy It** - Matthew 13:45-46
- **It Can Be Cultivated In Our Children** - Ephesians 6:4
- **It Is Absolute And All Consuming** - Matthew 22:37

Necessities of life?

Societal justice?

Power/Revenge?

Money?

Knowledge?

Happiness/Feelings?

Excessiveness/Escape?

These Things Never Give
Fulfillment - cp. Ecclesiastes!

Jesus Doesn't Bless
The Pursuit Of Them!

There Is No Hunger Or Thirst
Among The Dead!

For Righteousness

- **“Conformity To God’s Standards”**
- **Not Our Own Standards!**
Matthew 5:20; Romans 10:1-3
- **It Is A Spiritual Longing**
John 4:13-14; 6:32-35
- **For “Jehovah-Tsidkenu”**
Philippians 3:8-9

They Shall Be Filled

- **By El-Shaddai (Almighty, All Sufficient God)**
- **1 Peter 2:1-3** - *Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*
- **Psalms 1:1-3** - *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.*

**What Are You
Longing For?**

