

Matthew 5:6 "Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst For Righteousness, For They Shall Be Satisfied."

1 John 2:15-17

15 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." ESV

Psalm 42:1-2

- 1 "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? ESV

Psalm 63:1

1 "O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." ESV

Matthew 5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted <u>for righteousness' sake</u>, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." ESV

Matthew 5:20 "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." ESV

Matthew 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." ESV

John 4:9-10

9 "The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

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Isaiah 55:1-3

- 1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;" ESV

Jeremiah 2:12-13

12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord,

13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water."

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John 6:32-35 "Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

- **33** For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
- 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." ESV

Matthew 15:32-34

- 32 "Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."
- 33 And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?"
- **34** And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." ESV

Matthew 15:35-37

35 And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground,

36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over." ESV

How Bad Do You Want It?

1. It Involves Commitment:

a. The problem with the Rich Young Ruler... He Wasn't Hungry Enough.

2. It Involves Continuation:

a. The Verb Tense is "keep on hungering"

3. It Involves Contentment:

a. "Shall Be Filled" "Satisfied"

Deuteronomy 32:46-47

46 Moses said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law.

47 For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

