*Beatitudes II: Matthew 5:6-12.*

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The beatitudes, in a spiritual way, provoke us to look deep into ourselves to see where we are regarding them. They are with benefit both from the standpoint of being what they are and what rewards they offer. In the mind of this poor writer, nothing on earth comes close to the quality of these rewards. Like a mine filled with the most precious diamonds hidden deep and available only to that miner willing to exhaust his efforts in finding them, the prayer and labor we bring to adding these beatitudes to our Christian wardrobe brings greater riches from a heavenly treasure. May we labor mightily to clothe ourselves with all of them to the glory of God.

This paper will deal with the scriptures found in the title. It is my desire to make it complete enough that we might understand the particular beatitude and its reward.

I will list the beatitudes as found in the Amplified Version, Classical Edition.

*Blessed and fortunate and happy and [*[*g*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23241g)*]spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God [*[*h*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23241h)*]enjoys His favor and salvation) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC" \l "fen-AMPC-23241i" \o "See footnote i)]completely satisfied!*

***7****Blessed (happy, [*[*j*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23242j)*]to be envied, and [*[*k*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23242k)*]spiritually prosperous—[*[*l*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23242l)*]with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!*

***8****Blessed (happy, [*[*m*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23243m)*]enviably fortunate, and [*[*n*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23243n)*]spiritually prosperous—possessing the [*[*o*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23243o)*]happiness produced by the experience of God’s favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions) are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!*

***9****Blessed (enjoying [*[*p*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23244p)*]enviable happiness, [*[*q*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23244q)*]spiritually prosperous—[*[*r*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23244r)*]with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the makers and [*[*s*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23244s)*] maintainers of peace, for they shall be called the sons of God!*

***10****Blessed and happy and [*[*t*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23245t)*]enviably fortunate and [*[*u*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23245u)*]spiritually prosperous [*[*v*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23245v)*](in the state in which the born-again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake (for being and doing right), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!*

***11****Blessed (happy, [*[*w*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23246w)*]to be envied, and [*[*x*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23246x)*]spiritually prosperous—[*[*y*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=AMPC#fen-AMPC-23246y)*]with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of your outward conditions) are you when people revile you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely on My account.*

***12****Be glad and supremely joyful, for your reward in heaven is great (strong and intense), for in this same way people persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

***(6a) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness***

To know the importance of a right relationship with God is the beginning of such a hunger and thirst. Dr, J. Cramming shared this remark on the matter.

II. WHAT IS IT THAT LEADS PERSONS THUS TO HUNGER AND THIRST?

*A sense of insufficiency and dissatisfaction in all created things; a sense of guilt; a perception of the utter inefficacy of all human prescriptions to remove sin or supply righteousness; a discovery of that righteousness which is " unto all and upon all that believe."*

There is a common thread in all of the beatitudes studied thus far, and that is the presence of insufficiency in man. Coming to Christ for salvation and the Holy Spirit coming to us as a result of our coming to Jesus creates in us an awareness of this insufficiency. The new nature that we have come to possess desires now to imitate the character of Jesus and to forsake the character of the world. The appetite and thirst for the carnal has begun to ebb while that for spiritual things has come to life.

*Hunger and thirst, here, are expressive of strong desire. Nothing would better express the strong desire which we ought to feel to obtain righteousness than hunger and thirst. No wants are so keen, none so imperiously demand supply, as these. They occur daily, and when long continued, as in case of those shipwrecked, and doomed to wander months or years over burning sands, with scarcely any drink or food, nothing is more distressing.[[1]](#footnote-1)*

How strongly do we desire the righteousness of God? Is there a longing for God’s righteousness or are our appetites weakened by fleshly lusts? Do we mind the things of the Spirit? (Romans 8:5). Our acts are governed by the focus of our thoughts, and *as a man thinks in his mind so is he*. (Proverbs 23:7).

***(6b) They shall be completely satisfied.***

The word ***“satisfied”*** is a powerful positive noun. The word ***“satisfaction”*** means a *fulfillment of a need or want (Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition).* Add to ***“satisfied”*** the word ***“completely***,***”*** and the meaning reaches a new level. It touches a spiritual atmosphere where God administers the satisfaction of being filled.

1. Albert Barnes, [*Notes on the New Testament: Matthew & Mark*](https://ref.ly/logosres/barnes61mt?ref=Bible.Mt5.6&off=41&ctx=hich+do+hunger%2c+%26c.+~Hunger+and+thirst%2c+h), ed. Robert Frew (London: Blackie & Son, 1884–1885), 44. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)