

**Scripture:** Law of God (Deut. 5) – Matthew 5:1-20  
**Singing:** 241:1-5 – 140:1-2 – 115:1-4 – 103:1-4 – 163:1-3

Intro: Jesus' authoritative teaching brought 'astonishment' (Matt. 7:28-29)

A. It is His sermon on the Kingdom Life of His subjects

B. It starts out with the description of His subjects (Matt. 5:3-9)

1. He describes them by *what they are*

2. He describes them by their *inner disposition (be-attitude)*

3. He describes them *as blessed (now)*

C. The first seven Beatitudes are packed with amazing depth and harmony

1. Exalts the work of Father (1-3) – Son (4) – Spirit (5-7)

2. Exalts Jesus three offices as prophet (1-3) – priest (4) – king (5-7)

3. Expounds misery/repentance (1-3) – deliverance/faith (4) – gratitude (5-7)

<b>THE BLESSEDNESS OF BEING HUNGRY AND THIRSTY AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS</b>
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**A. Because this is not a *natural hunger* in a fallen creature**

1. We all know what our *natural* 'hunger and thirst is'

2. We do not naturally hunger for righteousness: *being and doing good*  
a. Rom 3:10; Ps. 10:4

3. If you possess this hunger, Jesus declares you blessed

**B. Because this hunger/thirst flows from a discovery of a lack of righteousness**

1. The effect of this discovery is described from various angles in vs. 2-5

2. The fruit of these discoveries the Spirit uses to stir hunger for Jesus Christ

**C. Because this hunger/thirst becomes more and more Christ-focused!**

1. Spirit's main saving work: *to unite a sinner by faith with Jesus Christ*  
a. He endears the LORD our righteousness (Jer. 23:6)

b. Has He and is He increasing doing so in you?

2. This hunger and thirst for righteousness in Christ is a sign of good health!

**D. Because this hunger/thirst will not remain unsatisfied**

1. Jesus' promise is *for you shall be filled!*  
a. definition of filled

b. promises of filled: Ps. 16:10-11; 17:15; 36:8-9; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2

Consider: *Jesus invites all the hungering and thirsty souls to Him at His Table*

