“... Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after Righteousness...”

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(4.) Matthew 5 Verse 6

“Blessed [are] they which do hunger and thirst after Righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

The fourth Be-Attitude, reveals that everything in our walk lies focused on our relationship with our Saviour and our God. God, is Who He says He is, GOD: And nothing that anyone can do or say, will change that!!

Proverbs 16 Verses 6-8 “By Mercy and Truth iniquity is purged: and by The Fear of The LORD [men] depart from evil.”

(7) “When a man’s ways please The LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.” (8) “Better [is] a little with Righteousness than great revenues without right.”

There is in man an inherent tendency to want
to swerve towards the area of “Self-Righteousness,” but personally, I see this as nothing more than religious pretence. I don’t know about you, but for me personally, I think that I’d much prefer to abide in both,

“God’s Will and His Way.”

Any one, can delve into theatrics, and folk with a religious lean tend toward just that.

Proverbs 11 Verse 19 “As Righteousness [tendeth] to Life: so he that pursueth evil [pursueth it] to his own death.”

Proverbs 14 Verse 12 “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.”

Again, this very same passage is repeated in,

Proverbs 16 Verse 25 so with it comes the obvious warning, that we’d better not thing of ourselves more highly than we should!

Proverbs 16 Verse 25 “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.”

Many who live in the affluence of society,
hardly know what it is like to go hungry. We live in an age of plenty and yet still our neighbours can be starving and we wouldn’t know it!

To live in the time that Joseph and Mary raised young Jesus, hunger and thirst, were serious issues. Hunger and thirst in a literal sense meaning the certainty of ... starvation and death! I want to suggest to you, that,

“as in the natural, so too in the spiritual!”

Hosea 4 Verse 6(a)  
“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: …”

Matthew 4 Verse 4 “But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God."

His Word in The Spirit, is what bread and water are to us in the natural. “The Bread of Heaven, is The Word of God, and The Water of The Word, likewise.”

The point being, is that there have not been too
many in the affluent society of modern times that have had to suffer the drawn out pangs of long periods of intense hunger! That is quite aside from being so parched with thirst that you cannot swallow because there’s nothing there!!!

Even in our concrete jungles called cities, there are homeless who die a worse death than that of empty stomachs and slackened dry throats. Those my friend, are the despised and rejected, the wanderers who have no thought of God. Because every time they do, they are turned away from the doors of the chapels they seek refuge in!

Those who think they are God’s, are turning away the homeless and the needy from their own church doors. But what is even more concerning, is that they think they are doing God a favour, turning people out of their synagogues and back into the streets! See, nothing really has changed!

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst … after Righteousness!”

Just what is it that we understand by this word, “Righteousness?” Who’s “Right/Wise/ness” is it that we are longing to follow, but God’s.

Man’s wisdom, is but foolishness compared to
that of The Lord God Almighty. From Biblical Hebrew, we gain insight from two strong words, they are, “Sadaq” (6663) meaning “to be in the right, to be just and thereby justified.”

In other words, to be “Right,” in all of his relations in comparison to the man who deals in an underhanded fashion and proves himself (or herself,) to be “unrighteous:”

The other word, is “Sedeq,” which literally means, :when injustice prevails, God is The One, who “justifies.” Israel herself, were in that sense to be an example to the rest of the whole world with regard to upholding all areas of “Righteousness,” in all areas of life and her dealings with man. How often are the poor dealt with unjustly to appease the appetite of the law? The Law, has to be seen to be doing right and that doesn’t necessarily mean that it is! Often, it is not “The Law of the Lord” but the ordinances of man, which are added to The Law!

Psalm 19 Verses 7-14 “The law of The LORD [is]
perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of The LORD [is] sure, making wise the simple.” (8) “The Statutes of The LORD [are] right, rejoicing the heart: The Commandment of The LORD [is] pure, enlightening the eyes.” (9) “The Fear of The LORD [is] clean, enduring for ever: The Judgments of The LORD [are] True [and] Righteous altogether.” (10) “More to be desired [are they] than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.” (11) “Moreover by them is thy servant warned: [and] in keeping of them [there is] great reward.” (12) “Who can understand [his] errors? cleanse thou me from secret [faults].” (13) “Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous [sins]; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.” (14) “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”

**Leviticus 19 Verses 15-18** “Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: [but] in Righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.” (16) “Thou shalt not go up and down [as] a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I [am] The LORD.” (17) “Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.” (18) “Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge
against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I [AM] The LORD.”

To “Hunger and thirst after Righteousness,” means, to “Hunger and thirst,” after God Himself! God’s ideal of “Righteousness,” relates to far more than the letter of The Law. That is why Jesus was able to declare at His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan river;

Matthew 3 Verses 13-17 “Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of Him.” (14) “But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?” (15) “And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer [it to be so] now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all Righteousness. Then he suffered Him.” (16) “And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, The Heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw The Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him:” (17) “And lo a voice from Heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I AM well pleased.”

Jesus, in so doing, declared in
public testimony **His total loyalty** to The Father, **His Love** toward His Creation, and **The Truth** of God’s intent **to redeem** mankind back to Himself by the sinless Blood of His Only Begotten Son:

When a Christian puts on “**The Breastplate of Righteousness,**” His own heart, is protected by **The Father’s Great Heart of Love!**

“**Righteousness,**” like “**Faith,**” cannot be seen by the naked eye. Only her deeds, are exposed for all to see! In the same context, the very same applies to what is called, **“self-righteousness.”** This in itself, is little more than the self-justifying hypocrisy of the religious Pharisee. Jesus said,

Matthew 5 Verses 17-20 “Think not that I am come to destroy The Law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.”

(18) “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth
pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from The Law, till all be fulfilled.”

(19) “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in The Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in The Kingdom of Heaven.” (20) “For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed [the righteousness] of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into The Kingdom of Heaven.”

“ … except your righteousness shall exceed [the righteousness] of the scribes and Pharisees, …”

Many there are in Christendom who hide behind their Bibles the same as the religionist of old hide behind the letter of The Law. I’d much rather be in the friendship and the company of my Lord and Saviour who is the fulfilment of The Law, “The Prince of Love, Christ Jesus!”

“ … for thus it becometh us to fulfil all …”

“Suffer it to be so …” Is the desire, the yearning, the craving, the
demand of the heart so intense that it presents itself with the urgency of life or death?

This fourth Be-Attitude, is the most demanding of instructions, but it is the key to all!

It is those who long for, who are “The Blessed,” The Blessing, is contained in the seeking heart.

Hebrews 11 Verse 6(b) “… he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

Luke 6 Verse 25 “Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.”

This note of scripture pales in comparison to the “smug and self-satisfied!” Any true child of Heaven, only need approach The Father and in so doing, is always received: Our Father God, will never send one of His children packing!

Psalm 37 Verses 25-26 “I have been young, and
[now] am old; yet have I not seen the Righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread.” (26) “[He is] ever merciful, and lendeth; and His seed [is] Blessed.”

Matthew 5 Verse 6(b)

“… for they shall be filled.”

Filled that is to the point of overflowing,

Psalm 23 Verse 5(c)

“… my cup runneth over.”

The word which is used for “filled,” is the word “Chortazethai,” and means “to be so full, that I am almost bloated!”

Like “Joy,” to the point of overflowing, it cannot help but touch those around it. Ever tried to enter a room full of laughter and joy and not come out happy!!!??

It is those who long for, that will have their “Hunger and thirst,” their deepest longings satisfied to the point of overflowing “Joy.”

As Adam walked with The Lord and communed
with Him in the garden in the cool of the evening. There are many who desire with a deep burning passion to have that level of intimacy that is displayed in the example of a loving marriage. Scripture asks the question again,

Amos 3 Verse 3.
“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

You answer “Yes,” and whether it is the dust of the road, or the garden in the cool of the evening, He is always ready, willing and able … Are we? Are You!!??

“Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after Right/Wise/Ness, they shall be filled!”

Who are they that “Hunger and thirst” but they who are “The Meek.” Those that “Mourn,” and are “Comforted.” Those “The poor in spirit,” and they that “Hunger and thirst,” for the passion and embrace of our Right/Wise King.

Poverty of spirit, acknowledges the
need, “to let go, and let God!” It mourns for the comfort and submits to the government which declares, “all things work together for the good …”

It is “steadfast” in the undeniable “trust” of “the humble” which is declared as “meekness.” It bows in hunger and thirst and points many in the direction of satisfaction at His Table and is declared “merciful” because it see’s the worth of all through His forgiving eyes. And out of all this, there resounds a great cry,

“Blessed are the Merciful …!”

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Psalm 40 Verse 8
“I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart.”

Our injunction to you is therefore ... Let us join together to,

“Church the Un-Churched,
Teach the Un-Taught,” and most of all,
“Reach the Un-Reached ... for Jesus!”

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“Speak Ye ... !”
“Do Ye ... !”
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Romans 12 Verse 10

“[Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;”

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4.“Blessed” … “are they which do hunger.”
5.“Blessed” … “are the merciful.”
6.“Blessed” … “are the pure in heart.”
7.“Blessed” … “are the peacemakers.”
8.“Blessed,” “are they which are persecuted.”

If you “be in Christ,” then it stands to reason, that whatever curved balls are thrown to you in this life, you will “Be-in-Christ‘s-Attitude,” and not react in an inappropriate manner. As hard as that may be!

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