

Divine Craving

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

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hunger and thirst = intense craving

**“It is the hunger of the man
who is starving for food;
and the thirst of the man
who will die unless he drinks”**

-Barclay, The Gospel of Matthew

Righteousness

right-relationship with people
that is rooted in right relationship
with God

Unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the Pharisees
and the teachers of the law,
you will certainly not enter the kingdom
of heaven

Matthew 5:20

Seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness

Matthew 6:33

Righteousness

Declared Righteous = *Justification*

Free from the penalty of sin

(II Cor. 5:21)

Becoming Righteous = *Sanctification*

Becoming free from the power of sin

(Rom. 5:21)

Finally Righteous = *Glorification*

Free from the presence of sin

(Rom. 8:17,30)

will be filled = fully satisfied

God satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things
Psalm 107:9

Pay attention to dissatisfaction

“Dissatisfaction is the second best thing there is, because it dissolves the glue that entraps us to false satisfactions, and drives us to God, the only true satisfaction.”

-Prof. Peter Kreeft, *For Heaven's Sake*

Ask Jesus to be your satisfaction

**I am the bread of life
John 6:35**

**I am the living water
John 4:10**