



Daily Devotionals

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MATTHEW 5:6 “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SEEK RIGHTEOUSNESS”

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⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

If we were created to be in perfect relationship with God, then it follows that we are not complete or whole until we are right with God – that is, righteous. Some have described this situation in terms of everyone having a *God-sized void in his heart*. We are like a giant jigsaw puzzle. Each piece with which we are made is not only unique, by it is also interlocking with all the pieces around it. When you are working a puzzle and searching for the one piece that fits correctly, after a period of time you will probably begin to frantically pick up pieces that don't even look right in order to test them for fit. That is the manner in which most of us live our lives. There is this emptiness that we cannot quite identify, so we spend our days trying to fill it with just about anything. But the void is so large that nothing seems to really make a difference; we just end up feeling even more empty.

That space was created in us by God and for God. It is simply way too huge for anything in creation to be able to fill. But unlike the puzzle piece that we have to find, God presents himself to us and offers to make us whole. He sent his Son into the world as one of us in order to provide us with the righteousness necessary to be in a perfect relationship with him. The only thing we have to do is want that relationship enough to receive it. The more we want it, the sooner we will be made whole. To hunger and thirst, that is to crave, that righteousness is to be blessed indeed.

O Lord, help me to identify the hunger that is within me as my need to be in closer relationship with you. Save me from the things I lust after and redirect my craving toward an obedient walk with you. Make me ruthless in choosing you over all the fleeting pleasures of this world. Amen.