

Hunger and Thirst

Matthew 5:6

The Kingdom Experiment Week 4

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” - Matthew 5:6 (NIV)*

*"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat." - Matthew 5:6 (MSG)*

*“When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.*

*“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by My Father! Take what’s coming to you in the kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why: I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.’*

*“Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’*

*Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’*

*“Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because— I was hungry and you gave me no meal, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was homeless and you gave me no bed, I was shivering and you gave me no clothes, Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’*

*"Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?' "He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.' "Then those 'goats' will be herded to their eternal doom, but the 'sheep' to their eternal reward."*

– Matthew 25:31-46

...this is a CALL to ACTION on OUR part.

We need to be about meeting people's PHYSICAL needs so we can meet the SPIRITUAL needs as well.

THIS WEEK'S KINGDOM EXPERIMENT:

- Find someone in need of food or water, and meet that need.
- Give to a water well project.
- Fast a meal and give the money to a local food ministry.
- Just DO SOMETHING.

What if we HUNGER for God as often as we hunger for food?

Often times we want God's KINGDOM to reign all around us...we just don't want God to reign WITHIN us.

What are you HUNGERING and THIRSTING for today?

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13 (NIV)*