

MATTHEW 5:6

When your body becomes hungry, you look for food to satisfy the need. The same is true with thirst; we search for water; and exhaustion; we look for rest. These are all physical needs which must be taken care of on a regular basis. If we ignore these needs unfortunate consequences lie ahead. Therefore, we make provision to have these needs satisfied.

Hungering and thirsting need not be limited to the physical realm. We can also hunger and thirst for spiritual things as well. In fact, we must if we want to be spiritually filled. Unfortunately, we sometimes allow a great length of time between "spiritual fill-ups." Too many do not see having God's spiritual food on a regular basis as important in life.

Very few of us eat just one meal a week. To think of doing such would bring a very slow starvation, sickness, and eventual death. We know that water is absolutely essential for life. But we drink more than one glass a week. Try going without sleep for a week. The results will be very damaging to your physical health. Yet at the same time we recognize the foolishness of these practices, we also should see the foolishness of only being filled with spiritual food (God's word) just once a week as well.

Satan works every day. He never takes a sabbatical, never thinks of going on vacation, and loves to work overtime in tempting people to sin. Without daily spiritual food to help us stay away from the evil one we shall become spiritually sick and starved, leading to a slow spiritual death.

We are privileged in this country to have more than enough food to satisfy our physical hunger. We, as a nation, vast amounts of food to other nations not so fortunate. We also have an abundance of Bibles, and other good study books based on the Bible, to help us in spiritual matters.

Therefore, it is in our best interest (spiritual interest) to hunger and thirst for righteousness and then hunger and thirst for the physical necessities of life since both are in such great quantity in our country.

Jesus said, as recorded in Mt. 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Eating food, consuming water, and receiving rest are all things we need but they only satisfy temporarily. After doing these three we shall after awhile lose their good and have to do them again. We can partake of it and be satisfied. So much so that the more we take the greater the satisfaction. Our stomachs are good servants, but poor masters. Jesus offers food that truly satisfies (Jn. 4:13,14). The beatitude says that partaking of spiritual righteousness we can truly be happy. There is a spirit within man that needs much more than physical food, it requires spiritual nourishment from God's word.

A Positive Spiritual Attitude (PSA) means being happy (blessed) because of a healthy longing for righteousness through a spiritual hunger and thirst. Jesus promises satisfaction, which means happiness, which means a PSA for those who will come and feast. Will you?

Next time, Matthew 5:7.