

## The Blessed Life #4

**Matthew 5:1-4** *“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, for they shall be filled.’”*

God’s plan for your life is for you to experience *the blessed life* now.

Proverbs 4:18 says, ***“The path of the just is like the shining sun, that \_\_\_\_\_ ever brighter unto the perfect day.”***

The Beatitudes are the opening proclamations of God’s message of blessing to a world without hope, in sin, and covered with darkness.

**Luke 6:46-49** *“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”*

- The blessed life is the one that took time to \_\_\_\_\_ a life based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- The blessed life is the one that’s \_\_\_\_\_ after the \_\_\_\_\_ and has lost nothing.

***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”***

- The blessed life involves spiritual hunger and thirst.
- Hunger and thirst for God and His righteousness.
- Your hunger and thirst for righteousness began before you were ever saved.
- Your spiritual hunger and thirst are activated, initiated by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, when He sovereignly began to convict you... of sin, that sinning is wrong, and that you needed a Savior.

**John 16:7-8** *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the \_\_\_\_\_ will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will \_\_\_\_\_ the world of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_, and of \_\_\_\_\_.”*

- It is the Holy Spirit who creates hunger and thirst in you to know God and walk righteously with Him every day!

- This is one of the greatest and loving revelations from your Heavenly Father that you will ever receive.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit is the foundation, well-spring of hunger and thirst for righteousness... conviction that I am to flee from sin and cleave to God!
- Simply put, hunger and thirst for righteousness is the desire within you to know God and walk with Him.
- This is the blessed life! This is the life that God blesses!

## The Story of Young David

Young David knew the principle all of us should know by now ***“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.”*** David wrote in ***Psalm 73:28 “It is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works.”***

- David’s hunger and thirst for God opened his heart to be filled with trust and a desire to declare His works.
- David lived a blessed life because he maintained a \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.
- David wrote many psalms from this place of hunger and thirst.

***Psalms 1:1-3 “\_\_\_\_\_ is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.”***

## David’s 5 Qualities of Hunger & Thirst

1. A hunger & thirst for \_\_\_\_\_ ***“Walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...”***
2. A hunger & thirst for \_\_\_\_\_ ***“Nor stands in the path of sinners...”***
3. A hunger & thirst for \_\_\_\_\_ ***“Nor sits in the seat of the scornful...”***
4. A hunger & thirst for God’s \_\_\_\_\_ ***“But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night...”***
5. A hunger & thirst to be continually \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s glory ***“He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.”***

## Concluding Thoughts:

Jesus said, ***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”***  
***“He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.”***

- The blessed life is the hungry life. The blessed life is the thirsty life.
- If you desire to know Christ and live for Him, you are greatly blessed.

- Without hunger and thirst for righteousness, you are building your life without a foundation!
- If you have any desire, any hunger, and thirst get to this altar today.

**Declaration:**

*“Heavenly Father, thank you for the Holy Spirit who is creating a great hunger and thirst in my soul for you. Thank you for revealing to me the blessed life includes hunger & thirst. Holy Spirit, I ask you to create in me not only a clean heart but a hungry heart. I desire to be filled with righteousness and live in righteousness all my days. I shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water... that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever I do shall prosper.” In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, Amen.*