



KINGDOM CHARACTER

“HAPPY ARE THE HUNGRY”

MATTHEW 5:6

I. INTRODUCTION: THE ACID TEST OF APPETITE

A. The King gives absolute truths with absolute authority (7:28-29)

1. To be obeyed _____ (Mt. 7:24; Lk. 6:46)
2. “Ears to hear”...(Mt. 11:15; 13:9, 43)
3. Proof of love for Him (Jn. 14:21)

B. The King only quotes God...never simply utters opinions!

1. Religion quotes _____ (15:6)...listen to the right voices!
2. Religion cares more what people think (Jn. 5:44)
 - a. Rabbis and scribes always quoted famous men
 - b. Jews were working to bring in the kingdom in their _____ power, with their own agendas
 - c. For example, Isaac went from well to well, digging new ones, seeking to take care of himself, and people eventually took them from him
 - i. Finally he dug one no one took...(Gen. 26:22)
 - ii. And called it “Rehoboth”...as God alone made room for him

C. The King offered blessedness in the form of spiritual joy (Jn. 15:7, 11)

1. To those who _____ for truth (Jn. 4:24)
2. To those hungering to be like Him in righteousness (Mt. 5:6)
 - a. Willing to listen (4:19)
 - b. Willing to learn (11:28-30)
 - c. Willing to _____ (9:37-38)
 - d. Willing to love as He loves (5:43-44; 22:37)

D. The King knew religious unsaved people seek happiness in wrong places (Amos 2:7)

1. Prov. 12:15; 14:12
2. 2 Pe. 2:22
3. Isa. 55:2
4. Jer. 2:13
5. I Jn. 2:15-16

6. What do you truly hunger for? (time-talents-treasures: God get my best?)

- a. Possessions
 - b. Power
 - c. Pleasure
- E. The King gave incredible promises to those trusting Him _____...
- 1. Poor in spirit...mourning over sin...meek...
 - 2. Knowing the King takes care of His own (6:25-33)
 - a. Phil. 4:19
 - b. Ro. 8:31-32

II. INSTRUCTION: (MT. 5:6)

- A. "Blessed...do hunger and thirst"... ravenous appetite, insatiable thirst...(Ps. 63:1-5)
- 1. Verb tense...constantly (Job 23:12; Ps. 107:9)
 - 2. Tasted of _____ spiritual riches (I Pe. 2:2)
 - 3. Soul satisfaction (Jer. 15:16; Lk. 1:53)
 - 4. A consuming desire to _____ know God better (Phil. 3:10)
 - a. Moses saw God in the burning bush...
 - b. Then in the 10 plagues and the Red Sea miracle...
 - c. Then in the shekinah glory that led them daily...
 - d. Then in the _____ and the quail...
 - e. Then in the water out of the Rock (Christ)...
 - f. Then said "Show me your glory"...because he hadn't had enough yet of grace and tender mercies to fill His soul (Ex. 33:18)
 - 5. The starving prodigal finally woke up to _____ his father, knowing he would meet his needs as no other could
 - a. There's a soul desperation in life only God can satisfy
 - b. Ps. 42:1
- B. "After righteousness"...what is it?
- 1. Salvation _____ makes you right with God (Prov. 12:28; 21:21; Mt. 4:17)
 - 2. Isaiah always equated righteousness with salvation...happiness with holiness
 - a. 45:8
 - b. 46:12-13
 - c. 51:5
 - d. 56:1
 - e. 61:10

- C. "Shall be filled" ...with what? (Eph. 5:18)
1. _____ to be like Christ (Ps. 17:15; 2 Cor. 3:18; I Jn. 4:17)
 2. Soul satisfaction, yet with holy discontent...to grow in grace (2 Pe. 3:18)
 - a. Satisfied...but never satisfied (Isa. 26:9; Ro. 8:29)
 - b. Ps. 34:10
 - c. Cup overflowing...Ps. 23
 - d. Jer .31:14
 - e. Jn. 4:14; 6:35
 - f. Ps. 119:20

III. INSIGHT: JESUS OUR LORD, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS...THINK JEWISH (JER. 23:6; 1 COR. 1:30)

- A. The five "most holy" offerings for the 3 feast days (Levit. 1-7)...“be ye holy” (1 Pe. 1:15-16; Lev. 11:44)
1. Mandatory (2)
 - a. Sin offering: for propitiation (to appease God) = Jesus’ death (I Jn. 2:1-2)
 - b. Trespass offering: for repentance = Jesus “it is finished” (2 Cor. 5:21)
 2. Freewill...voluntary (3)...the obedient, loving heart of willing sacrifice (Ro. 12:1-2)
 - a. Burnt offering: atonement (hand on head) = Jesus’ sinless nature (He. 4:15)
 - b. Grain offering: dedication (God gets our best) = Jesus’ submission (Lk. 2:49)
 - c. Peace offering: reconciliation/fellowship = Jesus’ at peace with God (Ro. 5:1)
- B. Application...appetite for holiness/holy truths...“I AM holy” ...50 times in Leviticus!
1. God’s holy character = God’s holy will= God’s holy Word...(i.e. faith in His Promise)
 2. God’s gift of holy love: engrafted truth to teachable, meek, faithful, broken hearts
 - a. Jas. 1:21; I Thes. 4:7; Rev. 22:11
 - b. Isa. 66:2