



Satisfaction Guaranteed (Matthew 5:6)

Sunday, February 4, 2024 AVBC 10:30 am

Empty yourself of _____-righteousness (v.3- poor in spirit)

Empty yourself of the _____ sin creates (v.4- mourn)

Empty yourself of _____ (v.5- meekness)

-Luke 15

1. Hunger and thirst are _____ and ongoing.

-Psalm 107:4-9

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? (Psalm 42:1-2)

2. _____ of hunger or thirst reveals a problem.

For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. (Philippians 3:18-19) (also I John 2:15-17)

- P _____ (Ecc.5:10)

- P _____

...No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content. (Ecc.1:8b)

- P _____ (Ecclesiastes 2: 22,23a)

3. You _____ what you _____

Righteousness:

1. the state of being acceptable to God
2. correctness of thinking, feeling and acting

- ✓ You will be happy if you _____ right with God (position)

-I Corinthians 1:26-31, Romans 3:10, Isaiah 64:6, John 4:13,14; 6:35,51a

- ✓ You will be happy if you _____ right before God (practice)

- Crave the _____ of God

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. (Psalm 84:10)

- Crave the _____ of God

-Matt. 5:17-18, Ps. 119:10. Jer. 15:16a

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. (I Peter 2:2-3)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What is your favourite restaurant? ...meal? ...drink? ...junk food?

Q2: Can you think of a time when you were desperately hungry or thirsty? If so, explain.

Q3: Study the story of Jacob/Esau in Gen. 25:27-34. What lessons does this passage teach about cravings? ...about settling for "junk food" instead of pursuing what will truly satisfy?

Q4: Pastor David said that a loss of appetite can indicate that someone is not well. Have you seen that to be true in the physical realm? How might this apply to our spiritual appetite?

Q5: Read and reflect upon Deuteronomy 8:1-14. How does this passage connect our physical appetites with our spiritual appetites? What dangers do we need to be aware of?

Q6: Pastor David mentioned two specific spiritual things we ought to crave; the family of God and the Word of God. What are some other things that you think Jesus hungered and thirsted after that we should also long for?

Q7: A French proverb states- "A good meal ought to begin with hunger." What is the relationship between appetite and our enjoyment/satisfaction with a meal? What might you do to increase your spiritual appetite?