

Hungry for Righteousness

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:6

I remember one time listening to the devil, and thinking it was God. How does that happen? How could you listen to the devil and think that it is God? Has that ever happened to you? Have you ever heard the devil and thought that it was God speaking to you? Well, God showed me that what happens is that when you have something wrong inside of you, wrong concepts, wrong desires, wrong thoughts, the devil can speak to you and you will accept it. You have got to be wrong. Let me show you a scripture where God says He will protect you from that. Turn with me to the gospel according to our Brother John 7:17, *"If any man will..."* The King James says *"will"* but it means *"desires."* *"If any man [desires to] do his (God's) will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."* Look at that verse again. If you have a godly desire, if you have a heart-felt desire, if you have a heavenly desire to know anything and question in your heart, "God, is this You, or is this something else?" the Bible says that God's responsibility is to make you know. God has a responsibility to you, and when He says *"you,"* He doesn't care who you are. He doesn't care how many sins you have fallen into. He doesn't care what your condition is. If you will cry out to God, "I want to know, Lord," and the reason that you are wanting to know is that you might serve God, this desire of yours throws the responsibility back on God. Do you understand that?

Let me show you another verse where God must move toward you in righteousness. Turn to Matthew 5:6, *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."* Meaning to say, there is no doubt, there is no maybe. It doesn't say may be filled, it doesn't say it might happen. It says it SHALL happen. Hallelujah. It says, *"...for they shall be filled."* So, if you want to be filled, what do you do? You get hungry. I want you to notice it very carefully that there are certain things that God must do according to His Word and that there are certain conditions under which God will do these things. One of these conditions is the condition of hunger. God MUST fill you if you hunger and thirst after righteousness. There are some people who say, "Well, I've been calling to God, I've been praying to God, I've been crying to God for such a long time and God does not answer me." It couldn't be true. Something is wrong about your calling, something is wrong about your praying, something is wrong about your hunger. You probably wanted to make yourself great or whatever. Examine yourself! If you ask for something and you don't get it, examine yourself. Don't examine God, for God has already laid down the condition. He said, "If you are hungry." This is one place where hunger becomes a blessing. He said, "Blessed are the hungry for they shall be filled." For God will fill them. It is God's desire, God's plan to fill them. So, you do not have to fear as far as that is concerned.

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Thought for today: If you want to be filled, get hungry. God MUST fill you if you hunger and thirst after righteousness.