

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 8

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled:” (Matthew 5:6 KJV)

We continue in this message to study on how we hunger and thirst for righteousness.

We learn about the righteousness of God from the following:

I. We learn from the life of Jesus Christ’s who teaches us how to hunger and thirst for righteousness: Jesus is our ultimate example of righteousness, and as we look deeply into His life and into His saying, and on what He did, we learn what God is requiring from us to live a righteous life that God desire.

The centurion who witnessed the death of Jesus he declared that He is a righteous man, ***“46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. 47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.” (Luke 23:46-47 KJV)*** The centurion was the person responsible on the soldier squad who executed the crucifixion of Jesus. The one who was ordering them of what they needed to do to crucify Jesus. The same person was touched with what Jesus did and publicly confessed that He is righteous. Jesus’ example on the cross will teach us how to live a righteous life. He did all what God had asked him to do. He suffered pain, He forgave, He did not make threat, nor revenge, and He persevered in doing the whole will of God to the end by bearing the sins of many, ***“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:11 KJV)*** Someone who look at Jesus and what He did on the cross, he might scorned Him and be little Him, but the righteousness of God tells us other thing, that Jesus needed to abide with God’s will and go through that humiliation and suffering and even to the point of death to bring the salvation of God to human kind. *In the same way we need to persevere in doing the same and to complete our assignments on good manner. Jesus is our Lord and Saviour and He wants us to live like Him.*

Now at this point, the question that is coming to you is this: Are you asked by God to do certain matter and you are not doing? God wants you to do what He is asking you to do.

In other aspect speaking about the righteousness of God, is to speak if by any case we fall into a sin, then in that matter we need to come back to God and ask Him forgiveness of the sin that we did, ***“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” (1 John 2:1 KJV)*** *God will judge us eternally not on trivial and occasional sins, but He will judge us on the style of our lives, if we will live in a persistent sinful course like for examples living as adulterous, liar, swindler, drunkard, etc.*

Jesus is the Righteous One and we need and we should ask forgiveness from Him. *Ask also yourself now, ‘Have the Lord ever asked you to do something, but you did not do, or you still delaying in doing it?’ If that true then you need to repent and come to God to*

live in the righteousness of God as you come back again to the plan of God and the will of God.

II. We learn from the Scriptures that teach us how to hunger and thirst for righteousness: *The Scripture teach us how to hunger and thirst for righteousness and will confirm to us what filling and satisfaction we will receive from God as we delight in His righteousness.*

Let us now go through the scriptures and learn from them the righteousness of God.

1. “Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.” (Psalm 34:19 KJV) The righteous man God delights in Him. The righteous man is not without trouble. That is part of the righteousness of God, that He allowed His righteous people to pass through certain troubles. *The righteous may have troubles but the Lord shall deliver him from them all. As well as the righteous man trust that the Lord shall deliver him from all his troubles. The righteous has hope that God will never leave him nor forsake him,* ***“In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.” (Psalm 31:1 KJV)*** The righteous man also trusts that God will judge him righteously according to his deeds. ***“Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.” (Psalm 35:24 KJV)***

2. “A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.” (Psalm 37:16 KJV) Even with the little that the righteous man has he will be satisfied. The little that he has is better than the riches of the wicked, because even with the little that the righteous has God shall be behind him and shall support him. *If we live a righteous life, even with the little that we have God shall support us and will sustain us.* David said, ***“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” (Psalm 37:25 KJV)*** David from his life experience, he had noticed while he was young and even when he got older in life, he did not see the righteous man forsaken, and he did not see the children of the righteous begging bread. *So we really need to live in a righteous live so that God would be in our side and He will continue to provide for us and for our children in the generation to come.*

3. “So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.” (Psalm 58:11 KJV) God is a righteous judge and He will reward the righteous; that is why those who hunger and thirst for righteousness they shall be filled by the rewards of God. *The Lord God is always looking from Heaven and He will judge every man according to his conduct. He may take some time, but finally, sooner or later, He will reward the righteous and He will punish the wicked.*

4. “The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.” (Proverbs 10:11 KJ) The righteous man his word brings life. The righteous live and speak the Word of God, therefore what he speaks brings life and revival. ***“The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.” (Proverbs 10:21 KJV)*** The righteous his lips feed many by giving them the spiritual food, the Word of God.

5. ***“A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.” (Proverbs 12:3 KJV)*** The righteous his root will not be moved. That is why the Word of God says, ***“The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.” (Proverbs 28:1 KJV)*** *Even the enemy will fight back and rage war against the righteous, but he will not be moved, because God is backing him up. The enemy will try to make the righteous person topple down, but the Lord will not allow the righteous to fall.*

6. ***“A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.” (Proverbs 12:10 KJV)*** Animals should not be killed or abused without discretion. The Scripture show us how animals needed to be treated. The righteous man has mercy and considers the life of his animals. At the time when the Bible written animals were taken more active part in the life of each and every man and family; oxen and donkeys were used by man for farming and transport, cattle, sheep and goats as source of milk, meats and clothes, poultry for meats and eggs, dogs for watching, and cats to deal with rats. Man should be caring for all these animals.

7. ***“A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.” (Proverbs 13:5 KJV)*** The righteous man hates to tell lies. He will do all what he can to tell the truth. *We need to avoid telling lies or half of the truth.*

8. ***“The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.” (Proverbs 21:12 KJV)*** The righteous man fear God and he will not try to harm or revenge from the house of the wicked. *God will bless our lives if we are not hateful or revengeful against those wicked who hate us.* The righteous will not think in the same way the wicked think who do evil against the righteous.

9. ***“In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.” (Proverbs 29:6 KJV)*** The righteous man his heart is clean, having nothing evil against others; therefore he is filled with joy, rejoicing and always singing. Therefore, let us clean our hearts from grudges, un-forgiveness, hatred and ill feelings so that we will be filled with joy

10. ***“All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth his life in his wickedness.” (Ecclesiastes 7:15 KJV)*** Certain times God for a while will allow the righteous to suffer for his righteousness, God would allow that to test the faith of the righteous and allow him to pass through trials to perfect him. *Therefore, let us not give up or falter if we are moving through trials and hardships, knowing that God allow us to pass through all that to perfect us and make us more strong in faith.*

11. ***“1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. 2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.” (Isaiah 57:1-2 KJV)*** Certain times God allow the righteous men and merciful men to perish in order to take them out from the evil that is to come, so they will not be suffering. Certain times after the righteous man will die and be taken away from

the scene, evil, wickedness or war would start on the earth. Therefore God beforehand would take the righteous so He will not suffer.

12. ***“24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. 26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.” (Ezekiel 18:24, 26 KJV)*** The righteous man should not do evil and he should live away from sin. But it may happen that the righteous may do evil or he might be tempted and fall in sin. Now when that happen to the righteous then all what he did good before will not be remembered. *Therefore when you do wrong and disobey God and His Word, you need to repent and renounce your sins.* ***“Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.” (Ezekiel 33:12 KJV)***

God had provided for us the way for repentance through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 KJV)*** Jesus Christ will cleanse us from all our unrighteousness as we come to Him in full repentance turning away from our wicked ways and renouncing all our sins. God wants us to come to Jesus, renouncing our sins, renouncing our wrong ways, renouncing our own plans and taking into our lives, His Word, His will and His plan for us.

My dear and beloved: Let us consider carefully the message that we received today from the Lord. Let us look intently into the life of Jesus and on what He did while He was on earth. Let us see what He did and how He acted while He was on the cross.

Let us meditate on the Scriptures so that we may learn the good things that God wants us to learn from His Word and adopt in our lives. Let us be willing to change our style of life and let us be willing to take the attitude and the character of Jesus in our dealings and relationship with others around us and with the circumstances and the events of life.

Let us now come back to God, repenting of our sins and from our wicked ways. Let us come to God receiving His righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and with willingness to follow His ways and the path that He ordained for us to pass through.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death on the third day to give me eternal life.

Lord forgives me my sins _____.

Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord. Let us confess and renounce all our pride, our wrong ways of life and our non willingness to follow the ways of God.

Lord I thank you for your Word to me that explains to me that I need to know your righteousness and to hunger and to thirst after your righteousness. Lord I commit my life into your hands. Lord I am willing to follow the example of Jesus in my life. Lord gives me more fruit of the Holy Spirit so that I can persevere more in obeying your Word.

Lord I commit my life to be set as a good example to others, that they may see you through my life. Lord fills me with the Holy Spirit and gives to me the spiritual gifts that I need to evangelize and to make new disciples. Lord protects me and provides all my needs so I can continue to go on and to serve you.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had humble themselves before you to learn your righteousness and to abide in your ways; Lord protect them and provide all their needs. Lord fills them once again with the Holy Spirit and makes their lives testimony attractive to others so that people will believe in you and start to follow you and live according to your Word and your righteousness.

Lord I pray for us as a church to help us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord we commit ourselves to do what is right and just in your eyes. Lord continues to reveal your will to us and your righteousness so we will continue to declare your righteousness to all the nations and the people around us. Lord transform our lives and fills us once again with the Holy Spirit and enables us to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Word of God. Lord we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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