

Longing for Change
Matthew 5:6 – 8
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Main Idea: God changes us first and then the world through us.

Introduction

The second triad of beatitudes in the sermon on the mount point to us to be the change that we want to see in the world. Jesus calls us to hunger and thirst for righteousness which is woefully lacking in our world. He calls us to mercy which nobody knows anything about in the world. He also calls us to purity of heart in a world that is divided. Let's take a look at the second set of beatitudes in the sermon on the mount.

Matthew 5:6

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- I. We must yearn for righteousness.
 - A Desperation for righteousness should consume us.
 - B Jesus will satisfy our deep desire.

Matthew 5:7

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

- II. We must yearn for mercy.
 - A Give mercy first.
 - B Get mercy last.

Matthew 5:8

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

- III. We must yearn for purity.
 - A Our hearts must be focused on God.
 - B God will grant his presence.

Conclusion

Taking a look at what Jesus expects of us to change the world by being that change, we find that righteousness, mercy and purity are greatly missing the world. Rather than complaining that they are missing we need to be the one to bring them back. When we ourselves hunger for

righteousness as we hunger for food, show mercy when we were given none and demonstrate a purity of heart that is lacking in our world we will see true change. Let us be the change that we want to see in the world and change the world one person at a time.