

14 The shout of Zion was heard: fear-  
ful noise hath surprised the hypocrites.  
Who among us shall dwell with the  
demonising? who among us shall  
dwell with overbearing borings?

15 He that walketh righteously, and  
speaketh uprightly, he that despiseth the  
gain of oppressions, that shutteth his  
hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth  
his ears from hearing of blood, and  
shuteth his eyes from seeing evil:

16 He shall dwell on high: his place of  
defence shall be the multitude of rocks:  
his head shall be given him; his watchmen  
shall be men.

17 Their eyes shall see the king in his  
beauty: they shall behold the land that  
is very far off.

18 Their heart shall meditate error:  
Where is the scepter? where is the  
crown? where is he that counted the towers?

19 They shall not see a firm people, a  
people of a deeper speech, than their  
own: neither shall they understand  
that they were understood.

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our  
solemnities: thine eyes shall see  
Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle  
of peace that shall not be taken down, nor  
of the stakes thereof shall ever be  
removed, neither shall any of the cords  
thereof be broken.

21 But there the glorious Lord will be  
unto us a place of broad rivers and  
streams; wherein shall go no galley  
with oars, neither shall gallant ship  
pass thereby.

22 For the Lord is our Judge, the  
Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King,  
he will save us.

23 Thy lackings are bowed, they could  
not well strengthen, their mass they  
could not spread the sail: then are they  
the prey of a great spoil divided: the lame  
take the prey.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I  
am sick: the people that dwell therein  
shall be forgiven their iniquity.

CHAPTER 34.

The day of the Lord's Wrath.

Come near, ye nations, to hear, and  
hearken, ye people: let the earth  
hear, and all that is therein, the world,  
and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the Lord is  
kindled against all them that forsake  
his law: and he will stretch out his  
hand against them, and smite them,  
and break them down, and will bring  
down the tower of the strong, and will  
bring down the high fortification.

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# The Nine Blessed 'R's

## of the Sermon on the Mount

### Chapter 3a God Changes the Heart – Hunger and Thirst

11 They shall call the vultures thereof to  
the kingdom, but none shall be there, and  
all her princes shall be nothing.

12 They shall call the snakes thereof, and  
the stones of empoisons.

13 And thorns shall come up in her  
palaces, nettles and brambles in the  
fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation  
of dragons, and a resort for owls.

14 The wild beasts of the desert shall  
also meet with the wild beasts of the  
island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow:  
the screech owl also shall rest there,  
and find for herself a place of rest.

15 And the owl shall be grimed  
with crabs and snakes.

16 And an highway shall be there, and  
a way, and it shall be called The way of  
holiness: the unclean shall not pass over  
it: but it shall be for them the way of  
holiness, though fools shall not understand.

17 No lion shall be there, nor any  
beast of the field shall walk there.

18 And the unicorn shall feed there,  
and the ostrich shall dwell there: yea, the  
wild goat shall feed there, and the wild  
ass shall dwell there: and the wild  
oxen shall feed there, and the wild  
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CHAPTER 36.

1 The word which came to Isaiah the  
son of Amos, concerning the king of Assyria.

1 Now it came to pass in the fourth  
year of Hezekiah the king of Judah,  
that Sennacherib the king of Assyria came  
against Jerusalem, and pitched his camp  
against it: and he built bulwarks, and  
dug trenches, and he came against it  
by the way of the pool of Gethsemane.

2 And he said, I will dwell in the land  
for ever, because I will see peace:  
because I will dwell in the land for ever,  
because I will see peace.

3 And he said, I will dwell in the land  
for ever, because I will see peace:  
because I will dwell in the land for ever,  
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## Chapter 3 The Second Group of Blessed Rs, God Changes the Heart.

The first three blessed Rs, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit: ... Blessed are they that mourn: ... Blessed are the meek: ...*" address the condition of the heart in the approach to a holy God. The effects given show the blessed position of that repentant soul, "*for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.... for they shall be comforted.... for they shall inherit the earth.*" This is markedly true for the born-again saint in the age of grace.

Such a humble approach to a holy God was just as true and just as necessary for Abraham under the dispensation of promise, and just as true for Moses under the dispensation of law, but it became most manifest when the fullness of the time was come, and "*God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*" (Gal 4:4), i.e. transitioning to this present dispensation of grace.

There are those who dismiss these dispensations altogether and suppose there is only one covenant, and there are those who hyper-extend this dispensation to suppose that Paul founded a church different from the church Christ founded. Be leery of such false teachers, but understand that the Gospel According to Matthew describes a careful transition from the dispensation of law into the dispensation of grace.

The next three blessed Rs, in Jesus' introduction to the Sermon on the Mount, "*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: ... Blessed are the merciful: ... Blessed are the pure in heart: ...*" address the change in the heart that God then makes in that changed soul. The effects given show the blessed results of such change, "*for they shall be filled. ... for they shall obtain mercy. ... for they shall see God.*" Again, this is markedly true for the born-again saint in the age of grace, and the Bible says much about these changes wrought in these forgiven souls.

### **Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.**

The Psalmist says, "*As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.*" (Psalm 42:1). The Bible is clear that in our old nature, "*There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, **there is none that seeketh after God.** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one*" (Rom 3:10-12).

But when a life is transformed, the Prophet says, "*Hearken to me, ye that **follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD:** look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*" (Isa 51:1). Zephaniah pitches in, "*Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; **seek righteousness, seek meekness:** it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.*" (Zeph 2:3).

Solomon in proverb said "*The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that **followeth after righteousness.** ... He that **followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.***" (Prov 15:9, 21:21).

It is substantiated in these scriptures that only after a change is wrought in the soul of man are they enabled to “*hunger and thirst after righteousness.*” Prior to conversion, “*There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God*” (Rom 3:11). After conversion, Jesus said it this way, “*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” (John 8:31-32). In the Acts of the Apostles it states, “*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:... And they **continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*” (Acts 2:41-42). Again, it is substantiated in these scriptures that only after a change is wrought in the soul of man are they enabled to “*hunger and thirst after righteousness.*”

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And the result of this “*hunger and thirst after righteousness*” is, “*for they shall be filled.*” This is the first Blessed R that describes and emphasizes a changed nature in the born-again believer. That change, this new hunger for righteousness, is given with this promise, God will fill it.

A notable Baptist preacher of the gospel gave testimony that in in his early twenties, in the three weeks after his miraculous salvation, he read the whole Bible through, from Genesis to maps. Whereupon he surrendered to a call to preach. Whereupon he read the whole Bible through, Genesis to maps. I have heard similar testimonies of this “*hunger and thirst after righteousness*” that subsequently resulted in a thorough filling of the Holy Spirit of God. It is evident that the promise “*for they shall be filled*”, in that instance may be referencing such a filling of the Holy Spirit of God.

I have seen other testimonies that do not show this hundredfold hunger and thirst after righteousness but sixty or thirty fold. And some only grow for the shortest amount of time before they disappear altogether. I have seen still other testimonies where a professed believer sends the soul winner away, never darkens the doors of a church, and never again opens the Bible that revealed God's simple plan of salvation.

Rest assured, the Bible principle is, "God will save you till you know it, and change you till you show it."

Jesus' clarifying illustration of this is found in the parable of the sower and the seed given in Matthew 13. Some seed never germinates. Some hear the word and with joy receive it, but have no depth and bear no fruit. Some loose interest and "become unfruitful." Some receive seed and bear fruit a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. You can fit these testimonies into Jesus' illustration.

At the end of this Sermon on the mount Jesus warns about false prophets, "*Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.... Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them*" (Matt 7:16,20). But of false professors he says "*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;... Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?... And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*" (7:21-23). Discern false prophets, but let Christ discern the false professors.

I am glad that I am not the one who determines who is actually saved and who are the pretenders, I am glad you are not responsible for that too. But as a preacher of the gospel and a minister to souls I find it safer and more effective to pray and minister to a soul as if they are professors, and not possessors, than the other way around. We are charged to *“Wherefore, my beloved, ... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”* (Philip 2:12).

So when a person is genuinely saved from condemnation, hell, and sin God implants in them a *“hunger and thirst after righteousness.”* Count on the fingers of your right hand what instantaneously happens at salvation; one is 1) Converted, 2) Justified, 3) Indwelt, 4) Quickened, and 5) Baptized in Christ. Such a supernatural change induces such a supernatural hunger.

The result is *“they shall be filled.”* First their hunger and thirst shall be filled. *“If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”* (John 7:37-38).

The *they shall be filled* is certainly on a spiritual plane, but it will one day be on that physical plane as well. The Apostle Paul testified, *“Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, ... In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.”* (1Cor 4:11, 11:27)

But there is coming a day when even all physical hunger and thirst will be filled. Just before the opening of the seventh seal, on the book of Revelation 4, there is this marvelous revelation:

*And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Rev 7:13-17).*

And that book of Revelation closes with the promise,

*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Rev 22:16-17).*

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Second, *they shall be filled with righteousness.* “2Co 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*” (2Cor 5:21) The Bible says that Abraham believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. After salvation we have His righteousness, “*And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.*” (Deut 6:25).

After conversion to Christ we have a filling of righteousness available to us,

*And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness....Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.* (Eph 4:24, Phil 1:11).

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Third they shall be filled with the Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:2,4 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.... And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,...

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,...

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and said, Brother Saul, ... be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Ac 13:9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,...

Ac 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Much more needs to be learned about this aspect of being filled with the Holy Ghost, but it is directly related to the fourth Blessed R, "*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled*" (Matt 5:6).

4) Come Out - Be ye separate  
5) Come Up Hither Rev 4

In studying the 9 Blessed Rs of Matthew 5 we have considered:

### Attitude – Necessary for Approaching God

- 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2) Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 3) Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

We spent time to consider those who error:

- \* Building a “works salvation” with this list of Blessed Rs
- \* Deny dispensations and suppose the Catholic Church replaces Israel.
- \* Hyper dispensation to form a Jewish church and a Gentile church

Matthew is a transitional book between dispensations of law and grace.

We are now considering the miraculous work done in the heart of a Christian:

### Heart Repair – God's Work in a Believer's Heart

- 4) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Next week we will consider more of this Heart Repair:

- 5) Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 6) Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.