

LENT DEVOTION

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6). The priority number one of a believer is not only to "seek" and to be trained in the Righteousness of God but also to 'hunger and thirst' for the same.

'Hunger and thirst' are the natural instincts of any human being. The appetite to eat is a must for survival for any person. Eating a healthy and timely diet is also necessary for a healthy living and it should be done on a daily basis. One cannot eat for a couple of days and not eat for another two days and such a practice is not healthy. The same principles are so true in having 'hunger and thirst' for righteousness in a believer's life too.

Friends "God has set eternity in the hearts of all men" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). That vacuum of eternity can only be filled and satisfied with the Spirit of God. Every human being has been created in God's image as a 'spiritual being' (Genesis 2:7 and 1:26). Because God desires that everyone must be in fellowship with Him both here, now and forever. That becomes feasible when a person allows the Spirit of God to come and indwell in his or her heart. When a person accepts Jesus Christ at the very moment the Spirit of God comes and indwells in that person's heart permanently. "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16). Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have set their heart on what the Spirit desires. It is in that desire the believer 'hungers and thirsts' for the righteousness of God on a daily basis. We will continue the same thought tomorrow also.