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SERIES: LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR  
HAS COME, WEEK 41

TITLE: SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

TEXT: LUKE 6:21A

INTRODUCTION: (1) OUR DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE AS AMERICANS ASSERTS THAT  
CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO THE PURSUIT OF  
HAPPINESS.

\* IN FACT TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT  
OF HAPPINESS, AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE  
LATTER, THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

\*\* NOW OUR FOUNDING FATHERS DID NOT  
PRESUME TO GUARANTEE THAT ALL WHO  
PURSUE HAPPINESS WOULD FIND IT, BECAUSE  
THAT IS BEYOND THE POWER OF ANY  
GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE, ALTHOUGH IT  
CERTAINLY APPEARS THAT SOME OF OUR GOVT.  
OFFICIALS THINK THAT IS THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITY.

\*\*\* BUT EACH AMERICAN IS GUARANTEED THE FREEDOM TO SEEK WHATEVER KIND OF HAPPINESS HE OR SHE WANTS IN THE WAY HE OR SHE WANTS WITHIN THE LAW.

\*\*\*\* YET SADLY, MOST U.S. CITIZENS, LIKE MOST PEOPLE THROUGHOUT ALL OF HISTORY, HAVE CHOSEN TO PURSUE THE WRONG KIND OF HAPPINESS IN WAYS THAT PROVIDE NO KIND OF HAPPINESS.

(2) THE SEARCH, DESIRE AND AMBITION FOR HAPPINESS AND PURPOSE IN LIFE IS MORE INTENSE THAN EVER. THE PROBLEM IS PEOPLE ARE LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACES TO FIND IT, LOOKING HORIZONTALLY RATHER THAN VERTICALLY. LOOKING TO THINGS AND PLEASURES FOR PURPOSE AND HAPPINESS RATHER THAN UPWARD TO THE ALL-MIGHTY.

\* AMERICANS HAVE A HUNGER AND THIRST FOR PLEASURE, MONEY, MATERIAL THINGS AND POWER THAT IS POSSIBLY UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY. II TIMOTHY 3:1-7

\*\* AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, AMERICANS SACRIFICE THEIR HEALTH, THEIR FAMILY, THEIR MORALS AND THEIR ETHICS EVERY DAY FOR THE INSATIABLE HUNGER AND THIRST FOR POWER, PRAISE, POSSESSIONS AND PLEASURE.

\*\*\* BUT NONE OF THOSE DESIRES, THOSE KINDS OF AMBITIONS BRING SATISFACTION AND FILL THE VOID OF OUR SOULS. NONE OF THOSE THINGS QUENCH THE THIRST OF OUR SOULS.

\*\*\*\* JESUS SAID, THE WAY TO HAPPINESS, THE WAY TO SATISFACTION, THE WAY TO BEING TRULY BLESSED, IS THE WAY OF SPIRITUAL HUNGER, HUNGERING AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS.

(3) IN LIGHT OF THAT, I ASK THE QUESTION TO ALL OF YOU TODAY, WHAT DO YOU HUNGER FOR?

\* DO YOU HUNGER FOR THE TEMPORAL, THE NEXT RAISE, THE NEXT PROMOTION, A BIGGER HOUSE, A BIGGER CAR, THE NEXT VACATION, MORE MONEY? AND NONE OF THOSE THINGS ARE WRONG IN THEMSELVES, BUT WHAT DO YOU HUNGER FOR?

\*\* DO YOU HUNGER FOR THE ETERNAL, FOR THE THINGS OF CHRIST, FOR HIS WORD, FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THE THINGS OF THE KINGDOM, EVEN HEAVEN?

\*\*\* YOUR ANSWER WILL BE TELLING, IT WILL BE A REVEALER OF YOUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION, A THERMOMETER OF YOUR SOUL.

(4) FOR SEEKING SATISFACTION IN GOD AND HIS PROVISION IS A MARK OF THOSE WHO HAVE COME INTO HIS KINGDOM.

\* AND THOSE WHOM BELONG TO JESUS HAVE A HUNGER FOR HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. AND OBVIOUSLY SOMETIMES THAT IS MORE INTENSE THAN AT OTHER TIMES. BUT IT IS THERE.

\*\* AND IF THERE IS NO SPIRITUAL HUNGER THIS MORNING IT SHOWS THAT A PERSON DOES NOT HAVE A RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS.

\*\*\* BUT CONVERSELY THOSE WHO DO HAVE HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHOW BY THAT FRUIT THAT THEY TRULY KNOW HIM.

\*\*\*\* AND BEYOND THAT, BY THE INTENSITY OF THAT HUNGER, HAVE GENUINE SATISFACTION.

(5) IN LIGHT OF THOSE THINGS, **I'VE TITLED OUR** MESSAGE TODAY, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. FOR THE TRULY BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER FOR THE LORD, AND 100% SATISFACTION IS GUARANTEED TO THAT INDIVIDUAL.

**\* AND UNDER THAT TITLE, WE'LL LOOK AT JUST** TWO POINTS. NO. 1 THE PRINCIPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO HUNGER NOW FOR THE LORD, V. 21A; AND NO. 2 THE PROMISE OF APPLYING THAT PRINCIPLE, WE WILL BE FILLED OR SATISFIED, V. 21B.

\*\* AND WITH THOSE TWO POINTS TO HANG YOUR THOUGHTS ON, LOOK AT LUKE 6:21A **WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR FIRST POINT TODAY, THE** PRINCIPLE.

I. THE PRINCIPLE, (READ 6:21A)

A. NOW THE WORD HUNGER IS AN INTENSE WORD, AND IS TALKING ABOUT AN INTENSE DESIRE.

\* AND NO DOUBT THE CONCEPT CHRIST SPOKE OF IN LUKE 6:21A WAS A MORE POWERFUL CONCEPT IN HIS CULTURE THAN IT IS IN OURS.

**\*\* THE REASON BEING, MOST OF US DON'T KNOW WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO HUNGER THIS WAY.**

**\*\*\* WE THINK OF HUNGER AS THE EMPTY FEELING WE GET WHEN WE'RE USED TO EATING AT 12 BUT MUST WAIT UNTIL 1:00, OR WE MISS A MEAL.**

**\*\*\*\* AND MOST OF US HAVE NEVER LIVED THROUGH A FAMINE OR GREAT SHORTAGES OF FOOD.**

1. AND EVEN FOR THE POOR WHO HAVE NEED IN OUR NATION, WHOM MANY TIMES **DON'T GET** THE RIGHT KINDS OF FOODS OR AMOUNTS OF FOOD THAT OTHERS HAVE, AT LEAST ARE NOT NORMALLY STARVING, HUNGRY AT TIMES YES, BUT NOT STARVING.

\* SO HUNGER IS A WORD THAT HAS MEANING TO US, BUT NOT TO THE DEGREE THAT A THIRD WORLD PERSON MIGHT UNDERSTAND TODAY OR **SOMEONE IN JESUS' DAY WHO LIVED THROUGH** FAMINE AND WAS STARVING.

\*\* SO THEN, THE HUNGER WHICH THIS BEATITUDE DESCRIBES IS AN INTENSE HUNGER. IT IS THE HUNGER OF A PERSON WHO IS STARVING FOR FOOD.

\*\*\* AND A STARVING PERSON HAS A SINGLE, ALL-CONSUMING PASSION FOR FOOD. NOTHING ELSE HAS THE SLIGHTEST ATTRACTION OR APPEAL; NOTHING ELSE CAN EVEN GET HIS OR HER ATTENTION.

\*\*\*\* IN FACT THE GREEK VERB JESUS USED IS VERY POWERFUL MEANING TO SUFFER DEEP HUNGER, TO CRAVE ARDENTLY.

2. AND GRAMMATICALLY, JESUS EXPRESSED THIS GREEK VERB AS PRESENT PARTICIPLES, WHICH IMPLIES CONTINUOUS ACTION, CONTINUOUS SEEKING, HE WAS SPEAKING OF THOSE WHO ARE CONTINUOUSLY HUNGRY.

\* NOW A QUESTION COMES UP AT THIS POINT, WHAT IS THIS HUNGER FOR THAT WILL SATISFY? WELL, THE ANSWER FROM SCRIPTURE IS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. FOR THIS BEATITUDE IN MATTHEW 5:6 SAYS: (QUOTE IT)

\*\* NOW WITH MATTHEW 5:6 BEFORE US, WHAT DOES RIGHTEOUSNESS MEAN? WHAT KIND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT SAVING RIGHTEOUSNESS OR SANCTIFYING RIGHTEOUSNESS?



\*\*\* WELL, I BELIEVE BOTH. FIRST OF ALL SAVING RIGHTEOUSNESS. AND IN A BROAD SENSE, RIGHTEOUSNESS IS TO BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD, IT IS THE STATE OF HIM WHO IS AS HE OUGHT TO BE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE CONDITION ACCEPTABLE TO GOD.

\*\*\*\* AND IN MANY OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES RIGHTEOUSNESS IS USED AS A SYNONYM FOR SALVATION. IN ISAIAH 51:5 THE LORD SAID **THROUGH ISAIAH "MY RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NEAR, MY SALVATION HAS GONE FORTH." DANIEL 12:3** SAYS: (QUOTE IT).

\*\*\*\*\* SO RIGHTEOUSNESS CAN BE SYNONYMOUS WITH SALVATION; THE DOCTRINE CONCERNING THE WAY IN WHICH MAN MAY ATTAIN A STATE APPROVED OF GOD.

3. FOR YOU SEE, WE ARE NOT RIGHTEOUS ON OUR OWN; WE LACK RIGHTEOUSNESS, ROMANS 3:10, ISAIAH 64:6.

\* AND WHEN WE SEE OUR LACK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND CHRIST AS THE RIGHTEOUS ONE, WE SEE WE CAN BE MADE RIGHTEOUS THROUGH CHRIST BY FAITH, ROMANS 4:5, ROMANS 10:4, II CORINTHIANS 5:21.

\*\* NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THIS HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A SPIRIT PROMPTED DESIRE THAT WILL LEAD A PERSON TO SALVATION.

\*\*\* THE SPIRIT WORKS IN OUR HEART SO WE SEE OUR SIN DISEASE AND OUR LACK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND DRAWS US TO CHRIST WITH A FERVENT DESIRE FOR HIM, A DESIRE WE **DON'T HAVE IN OUR NATURAL DEAD STATE** WITHOUT THE QUICKENING POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

\*\*\*\* BUT ALSO UNDERSTAND THIS BEATITUDE FOLLOWS ONE IN LUKE 6 THAT IS ESSENTIAL.

4. FOR, THE MAN OR WOMAN WHO COMES TO **GOD MUST BE "POOR IN SPIRIT". HE MUST** RECOGNIZE THAT HE IS SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT **IN GOD'S SIGHT.**

\* AND THIS BEATITUDE EXPRESSES **MAN'S** NEED; NOW IN THE 2ND BEATITUDE THERE COMES A SOLUTION: IF A MAN WILL HUNGER AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS, GOD WILL FILL HIM WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND WILL DECLARE HIM RIGHTEOUS.

\*\* AND THAT PERSON WILL BE JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD, AND HE WILL EMBARK UPON THE BLESSED AND EFFECTIVE LIFE OUTLINED IN THE REMAINDER **OF CHRIST'S SERMON.**

\*\*\* AND BELOVED, THIS VERSE IS PRECIOUS **BECAUSE IT OFFERS THE SOLUTION TO MAN'S GREATEST NEED BY POINTING TO GOD'S** REMEDY IN CHRIST.

- SO SALVATION IS THE FIRST ISSUE IN THIS CONTEXT, FOR REMEMBER JESUS IS TALKING TO THE MULTITUDES AND MOST OF THEM NEEDED TO BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD. AND AGAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SYNONYMOUS WITH SALVATION FROM THAT STANDPOINT.

5. BUT ALSO JESUS WAS TALKING TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE I BELIEVE HE IS TALKING ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS IN A SANCTIFYING WAY. A HUNGER FOR HOLINESS.

\* FOR YOU SEE **A PERSON DOESN'T STOP** HUNGERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS ONCE HE IS SAVED. A TRUE CHRISTIAN DESIRES TO BE MORE AND MORE LIKE CHRIST, THE THIRST AND THE HUNGER GROWS.

\*\* HE OR SHE DESIRES GREATER PURITY AND WILL NEVER GET TO THE POINT IN THIS LIFE WHERE WE THINK WE HAVE ARRIVED.

\*\*\* IN FACT, IT IS JUST AS REVOLTING TO HEAR **PROFESSING CHRISTIANS SAY, "WE HAVE ARRIVED," AS IT IS TO HEAR UNREGENERATE PEOPLE SAY "WE HAVE SAVED OURSELVES."**

\*\*\*\* AND TRUE BELIEVERS REALIZE THAT WE **CAN'T SAVE OURSELVES AND THAT WE HAVE NOT ARRIVED!**

6. **CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NEEDED TO ENTER GOD'S KINGDOM AND IS DESIRED MORE AND MORE AS GOD'S PEOPLE.**

\* AND HAPPINESS BELONGS TO THE HOLY. OUR HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS BEGINS WITH SALVATION AND CONTINUES IN SANCTIFICATION.

\*\* SANCTIFICATION, BEING MORE LIKE CHRIST, THE PROCESS OF BECOMING LIKE CHRIST, IS THE PASSION OF A TRUE BELIEVER, AND HE IS GRIEVED AND MISERABLE WHEN THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN AND WHEN THAT IS NOT A PASSION.

\*\*\* PETER SAID IN II PETER 3:18: (QUOTE IT).

\*\*\*\* PAUL SAID IN PHILIPPIANS **1:9&10**: **"AND THIS I PRAY, THAT YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND STILL MORE AND MORE IN REAL KNOWLEDGE AND ALL DISCERNMENT, SO THAT YOU MAY APPROVE THE THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT, IN ORDER TO BE SINCERE AND BLAMELESS UNTIL **THE DAY OF CHRIST.**"**

7. DAVID SAID IN PS. 42:1: (QUOTE IT).

\* PSALM 63:1 SAYS: O GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD; I SHALL SEEK YOU EARNESTLY; MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU, MY FLESH YEARNS FOR YOU, IN A DRY AND WEARY LAND WHERE THERE IS NO WATER.

\*\* AND BELIEVER IS THE PASSION OF YOUR LIFE GOD? IS YOUR PURSUIT CHRIST AND TO BE LIKE HIM? WHAT ARE YOU CONSUMED WITH? WHAT IS YOUR MAIN AMBITION?

\*\*\* AND **ANYTHING BEYOND CHRIST'S KINGDOM AND CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN IDOL. FOR** JESUS SAID THIS IN HIS SERMON ON THE MOUNT IN MATTHEW 6:33: (QUOTE IT).

\*\*\* AND TRUE HAPPINESS IS A RESULT OF THIS PURSUIT, IT IS THE MOST NOBLE OF ALL PURSUITS AND RESULTS IN A GREAT PROMISE THAT IS FOUND AT THE END OF V. 6, WHICH IS **OUR 2'D AND LAST POINT TODAY**, THE PROMISE, LOOK BACK AT LUKE 6:21 PLEASE.

## II. THE PROMISE, (READ V. 21A&B)

A. NOW THE PROMISE FOR THOSE WHO APPLY THIS PRINCIPLE IS THEY WILL BE FILLED, THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.

\* AND THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED FILLED OR SATISFIED DEPENDING ON WHAT TRANSLATION YOU USE, WAS A WORD FREQUENTLY USED OF THE FEEDING OF ANIMALS UNTIL THEY WANTED NOTHING MORE.

\*\* THEY WERE ALLOWED TO EAT UNTIL THEY WERE COMPLETELY SATISFIED.

\*\*\* AND **JESUS CHRIST'S** DIVINE PRONOUNCEMENT IS THAT THOSE WHO HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE GIVEN TOTAL SATISFACTION.

\*\*\*\* **FOR THE GIVING OF SATISFACTION IS GOD'S** WORK, AS THE FUTURE PASSIVE TENSE **INDICATES HERE:** "FOR YOU SHALL BE **SATISFIED**". **OUR PART AS BELIEVERS IS TO** SEEK NOW, AT THE PRESENT **AND GOD'S PART IS** TO SATISFY.

1. AND IT APPEARS FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THAT THERE IS A PARADOX HERE, BECAUSE **THOUGH SAINTS CONTINUALLY SEEK GOD'S** RIGHTEOUSNESS, ALWAYS WANTING MORE AND NEVER GETTING ENOUGH, THEY NEVERTHELESS WILL BE SATISFIED. A KIND OF DIVINE DISSATISFACTION, A BLESSED DISSATISFACTION.



\* TO ILLUSTRATE WHAT I MEAN, WE MAY EAT STEAK OR OUR FAVORITE DESSERT UNTIL WE CAN EAT NO MORE, AND ARE SATISFIED, YET OUR TASTE FOR THOSE THINGS CONTINUES AND EVEN INCREASES **THAT WE WANT IT AGAIN. I'M** SATISFIED AT THAT TIME, BUT I WANT MORE.

\*\* AND IT IS THE VERY SATISFACTION THAT MAKES US WANT MORE. WE WANT TO EAT MORE OF THOSE THINGS BECAUSE THEY ARE SO SATISFYING.

\*\*\* WELL, THE PERSON WHO GENUINELY **HUNGERS FOR GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS** NOW FINDS IT SO SATISFYING THAT HE WANTS MORE AND MORE.

\*\*\*\* AND IN CONTRAST, SIN NEVER SATISFIES AND LEAVES A VOID, AND THE WAGES OF SIN IS MORE SIN, THERE IS ONLY FLEETING TEMPORARY SATISFACTION FROM SIN, QUOTE HEBREWS 11:24-26, PROVERBS 27:20, ISAIAH 57:20&21, PROVERBS 13:15.

2. BUT IN CONTRAST, RIGHTEOUSNESS BRINGS TRUE LASTING SATISFACTION. AND THE SATISFACTION IS SO GREAT WE WANT MORE AND MORE.

**\* AND GOD'S SATISFYING THOSE WHO SEEK AND LOVE HIM IS A REPEATED TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE, QUOTE PSALM 107:9, PSALM 23:1&5.**

**\*\* PSALM 34:10 SAYS: "THE YOUNG LIONS DO LACK AND SUFFER HUNGER; BUT THEY WHO SEEK THE LORD SHALL NOT BE IN WANT OF ANY GOOD THING."**

**\*\*\* AND THEN PREDICTING THE GREAT BLESSINGS OF A FUTURE TIME JEREMIAH ASSURED ISRAEL OF A DAY IN JEREMIAH 31:14 WHERE GOD SAID: "MY PEOPLE SHALL BE SATISFIED WITH MY GOODNESS DECLARES THE LORD."**

3. AND THEN TO THE CROWDS NEAR CAPERNAUM, MANY OF WHOM HAD BEEN AMONG THE 5,000 HE FED WITH THE FIVE BARLEY LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH, JESUS SAID IN JOHN 6:35: (QUOTE IT).

\* AND BELOVED, JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FILL OUR LIVES FROM THE VOID THAT IS THERE AND HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TRULY SATISFY US.

IN CLOSING: (1) THE PERSON WHO HAS NO HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS NO PART IN **GOD'S KINGDOM.**

**\* TO HAVE GOD'S LIFE WITHIN US THROUGH THE** REGENERATING WORK OF THE SPIRIT IS TO DESIRE MORE OF HIS LIKENESS WITHIN US BY GROWING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LOVING AND HUNGERING FOR HIS WORD.

**\*\* AND THIS IS READILY CLEAR FROM DAVID'S** CONFESSION IN PSALM 119:97 WHERE HE SAID: (QUOTE IT).

**\*\*\* AND PAUL ECHOED DAVID'S PASSION FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ROMANS 7:22 WHERE HE TESTIFIES, "I JOYFULLY CONCUR WITH THE LAW OF GOD IN THE INNER MAN."**

\*\*\*\* AND BELOVED THE TRUE BELIEVER DESIRES TO OBEY THOUGH OUR STRUGGLES WITH OUR UNREDEEMED FLESH, ROMANS 8:23, WE STRUGGLE WITH THE WORLD SYSTEM AND OUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL.

(2) BUT THERE ARE HOLY AFFECTIONS THAT ARE THERE IN SPITE OF THE UNHOLY AFFECTIONS.

\* WE SHOULD HUNGER FOR HOLINESS OVER HAPPINESS, FOR TO HUNGER FOR HOLINESS RESULTS IN HAPPINESS AND REAL SATISFACTION.

\*\* FOLKS, WHAT DO YOU HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER TODAY? IS IT POWER, PRAISE, POSSESSIONS OR PLEASURE?

**\*\*\* OR IS IT CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. YOUR ANSWER AGAIN WILL BE REVEALING.**

**\*\*\*\* JOHN DARBY WROTE, "TO BE HUNGRY IS NOT ENOUGH; I MUST BE REALLY STARVING TO KNOW WHAT IS IN GOD'S HEART TOWARD ME.**

(3) WHEN THE PRODIGAL SON WAS HUNGRY HE WENT TO FEED ON THE HUSKS, BUT WHEN HE **WAS STARVING HE TURNED TO HIS FATHER.**"  
(END QUOTE)

\* AND FOLKS, THAT IS THE HUNGER OF WHICH THIS 2ND BEATITUDE IN LUKE SPEAKS, THE HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT ONLY THE FATHER CAN SATISFY.

**\*\* "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED OR FILLED. HAPPY ARE THE HUNGRY! SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. QUOTE PSALM 107:9 (LET'S PRAY)**