

## Kingdom Character Lesson 6

***“Thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee.”***

*Augustine*

### **\* Matthew 5:6**

*<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

**The First Three Beatitudes Pointed To Man’s Need And Have Shown The Type Of Approach Necessary If A Person Is Going To Be Blessed Spiritually In The Kingdom Of God And Have The King’s Character.**

1. We Come POOR –PTOCHOS Poor; We Are Spiritually Bankrupt.
2. Our Spiritual Poverty Leads Us To Godly Sorrow.
3. The Biblical Meaning Of Meekness Is Seen In The Greek Word

### **PRAUS = MEEKNESS**

A. PRAUS Is A Word Of Ethical **Balance**. It Is Being H\_\_\_\_\_ Emotionally, Tempered And Under **Control**.

B. PRAUS Was A Word Used To Designate Animals That Had Been Domesticated Or Brought Under C\_\_\_\_\_.

- PRAUS Is The Meek Heart That Causes Us To B\_\_\_\_\_ Before God.

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- PRAUS Is The Meek Heart That That Reaches Out To Trust And R\_\_\_\_\_ From The Lord.
- The Meek Are Those Who Trust In The Lord, Those Who Delight Themselves In Him, Those Who C\_\_\_\_\_ Their Way Unto The Lord, And Those Who Rest, Hope, Wait Upon Him.
- The Meek Are Those Who Begin To Live This **“Under God’s Control Life”** Before O\_\_\_\_\_.

### **How To Be Declared Righteous And Live Righteous Before God.**

*<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . . .*

- The Humble, Repentant, Surrendered To God, Heart D\_\_\_\_\_ Righteousness.

#### **\* Psalm 42:1-2:**

*As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*

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### \* Psalm 63:1:

*O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.*

- The Context, The Progression Of The Beatitudes Makes This Clear, We Are Talking About D\_\_\_\_\_ Righteousness.

● The Acquiring Of Divine Righteousness Has Always Been A Matter Of The H\_\_\_\_\_.

### \* Genesis 15:6

*<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*

● To Hunger And Thirst After God's Righteousness, Means That His Righteousness Is Our Priority, Everything Else Is S\_\_\_\_\_.

### \* Matthew 6:33

*<sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

## WHY SEEK GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS FIRST?

- Because His Righteousness and only His Righteousness Is our E\_\_\_\_\_ into the Kingdom of God.

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### **\* 1 Corinthians 1:30**

*<sup>30</sup>It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

### **\* Philippians 3:8-9**

*<sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.*

## **Hungering For Righteousness (Ongoing)**

**We Are To Continually Hunger And Thirst For God's  
Righteousness In Our Personal Lives, Families, Society  
And Nation.**

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- The Greek Word for the phrase “*to be filled*” is CHORTAZO which was used of the feeding of animals; a feeding until they were completely filled, wanted nothing more.

● CHORTAZO Means To Be S\_\_\_\_\_.

### ★ Matthew 5:7

*<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.*

**Amplified:** *Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!*

**Barclay:** *O the bliss of the man who gets right inside other people until he can see with their eyes, think with their thoughts, feel with their feelings, for he who does that will find others do the same for him and will know that that is what God in Jesus Christ has done.*

⊛ **ELEEMON** refers to a person who is A\_\_\_\_\_ compassionate or one who is benevolently merciful involving thought and action.

**A Merciful Heart Is A Compassionate Heart That Lends Itself To  
Compassionate Acts.**

⊛ The purpose of the compassionate act is to R\_\_\_\_\_ the suffering and misery of the object of that compassion.

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### ★ Hebrews 2:17

*<sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.*

### ★ Exodus 22:26-27

*<sup>26</sup> If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset, <sup>27</sup> because that cloak is the only covering your neighbor has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.*

☉ Mercy is not simply feeling compassion but exists when something is done to A \_\_\_\_\_ distress.

### ★ Lamentations 3: 19-24

*<sup>19-21</sup> I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness,  
the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed.*

*I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—  
the feeling of hitting the bottom.*

*But there's one other thing I remember,  
and remembering, I keep a grip on hope:*

*<sup>22-24</sup> God's loyal love couldn't have run out,  
his merciful love couldn't have dried up.*

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*They're created new every morning.*

*How great your faithfulness!*

*I'm sticking with God (I say it over and over).*

*He's all I've got left.*

☀ *Mercy is compassion or shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish.*

☀ *Mercy is love that responds to human need in an unmerited way.*

☀ *Mercy is choosing not to give people a "piece of your mind" but rather choosing to give them a "piece of God's heart."*

☀ Jesus is calling for a L\_\_\_\_\_ that demonstrates mercy.

☀ Mercy K\_\_\_\_\_ Is Mercy S\_\_\_\_\_.

### ★ **Luke 6:38**

*<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

☀ Everything in the spiritual life begins and ends with G\_\_\_\_\_.

*"Mercy is a bridge God built to mankind. Mercy is a bridge we build toward others." -Warren Wiersbe*