



A Systematic Expository Study of the Word of God

Special Study

SPIRITUAL FULLNESS AND FULFILLMENT

Matthew 5:6

It is possible to be spiritually filled with the fullness of God and of Christ, and be fulfilled. If not, the Lord Jesus Christ would not have taught us to hunger and thirst after it. Righteousness and fullness of spiritual blessings are not a mirage: they are real. That is why Jesus instructed us to hunger and thirst after it so as to be filled with it. ***“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”*** He wants us to be so filled with righteousness that we not only live in it but also influence others around us with the righteousness of God. Christ-like righteousness is the gateway to full redemption and spiritual fullness in our lives. All we need is to be in Christ and for Him to be in us. Only then can we thirst and hunger for this fulness which will lead to a full and fulfilled life (Colossians 1:9; Ephesians 4:13; 3:19,20).

HINDRANCES TO THE PROMISED SPIRITUAL FULLNESS

Matthew 5:6; Proverbs 27:7; Revelation 3:17; Mark 4:19; 1 Corinthians 4:8; Genesis 33:9; Deuteronomy 6:10-13; 8:11-14; Psalm 69:19,20; Luke 18:9; Daniel 12:3,4; Amos 8:11,12.

“The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.” When a soul is full already, even if with the husk that swine eats, he will loathe, belittle, shun and jettison the honeycomb. In the same way, the feeling of self-satisfaction leads many people to reject the Lord’s gift and favour that would have filled their lives with joy and happiness. When a person does not know his true spiritual state, like the Laodicean Christians, he usually overrates himself, saying, ***“I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing”*** whereas in the sight of God, he is ***“wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked”***. What a great hindrance to spiritual fullness! The cares of this world – what to eat and drink, ceremonies, deceitfulness of riches, inordinate desires – are responsible for the absence of the fullness of God in the lives of many Christians. When, like the Corinthian Christians, believers push down others to steal the limelight, they put hindrances before themselves. Self-satisfaction is one of the great clogs in the wheel of spiritual progress and fullness; so also are ignorance, material prosperity, suffering, search for earthly knowledge, distractions of all kinds. Whatever quenches our spiritual thirst also hinders our spiritual fullness.

HUNGER AND THIRST FOR THE PROMISED SPIRITUAL FULLNESS

Matthew 5:6; Isaiah 62:1-3,7; Psalm 62:1,5-8; Lamentations 3:49,50; Acts 9:8-11; Luke 11:5-13; Isaiah 40:28-31.

All who sincerely desire and earnestly seek God always find Him. Earnestness in seeking God, fervency in praying to Him for the bestowal of the promised fulness will always be rewarded. To find, we need to seek. To have the promised fullness demands a resolve to pray without ceasing, waiting on the Lord until it actually happens. The passion must be there at all times. ***“... give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”*** Lack and limitations in our Christian lives should make us to seek the Lord without interruption. Though he was the last to be converted of the apostles, Paul the Apostle did more than the rest of the apostles because of his waiting on the Lord at the commencement of his Christian faith with prayer and fasting. Likewise, if we want the fulness of God, we must wait on the Lord and pray importunately. If we have not been receiving, it shows we have not been asking with passion: ***“For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”***

THE HUNGRY AND THE THIRSTY SATISFIED, FILLED AND FULFILLED

Matthew 5:6; Psalm 72:6-8; Jeremiah 23:5,6; Zephaniah 3:13-17; Ephesians 5:9,18; John 7:37-39; Ephesians 3:16-21.

Satiation with the spiritual fullness promised by the Lord can only come as we take away all hindrances. Like Jacob, Isaac, Elisha, Elijah, David, Samuel had, we need favour and fullness from God. When we put ourselves in a place where the fullness of God can pass through and fill us, God will pour Himself into us ***“like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.”***

None can force cool, refreshing water upon the non-thirsty; you must indicate your thirst by responding to the Lord. ***“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. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive...”***. The fullness of God is available for anybody who will ask the Lord for His filling and fulfillment.

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