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verb

1. become or make larger or more extensive.
2. "their business expanded into other hotels and properties"

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"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10 NKJV



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EXPAND ACADEMY VISION:

Our heart at Expand Academy is to Equip, Empower, and Expand the kingdom of God ↪
within the believer &
around the globe.

We will gather around the testimony of Jesus Christ. We believe as the Spirit of God kisses the Word of God; it is activated ↪ to produce
eternal fruit in our lives.

Let's expand the
Kingdom of God!

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples of to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20



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RECAP:

- We covered Malachi 4:2
- We also discussed Hosea 4:6
- We did a Heaven's Establishment on the fear of the Lord.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

Matthew 5:6 NKJV

The Greek word for “blessed” used in the Beatitudes is makarios.

“It is the lowly- those who stooped low- who see the face of God.” According to Jesus in the Beatitudes- it is the lowly- they stooped low- who are blessed by God.”

Over the course of history, the makarios has been used in various different ways. In ancient Greek times, blessed were referred to those that had achieved a state of happiness and contentment in life that was beyond all cares, labors, and even death. The blessed ones were beings who live in some other world away from the cares and problems and worries of ordinary people. To be blessed, you had to be like a god. Little g-

Makarios took on a second meaning. it referred to the “dead”. The blessed ones were humans who, through death, had reached the other world of the gods. They were now beyond the cares and problems and worries of earthly life. To be blessed, you had to be dead.

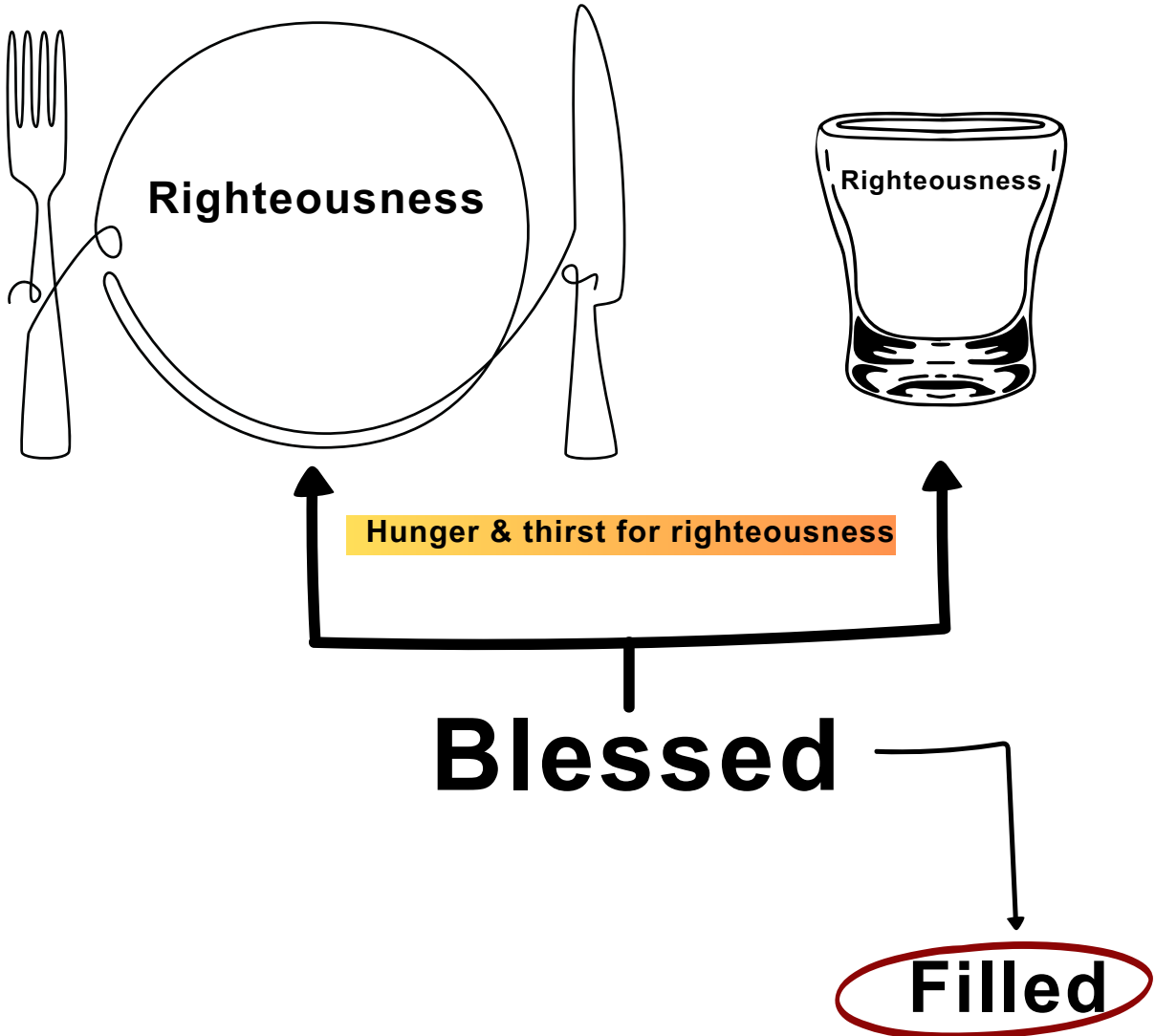
Finally, in Greek usage, makarios came to refer to the elite, the upper crust of society, the wealthy people. It referred to people whose riches and power put them above the normal cares and problems and worries of the lesser folk- who constantly struggle and worry and labor in life.

In all of these meanings, the blessed ones lived in a higher plane than the rest of us. The blessed were those people who lived above the normal cares, problems, and worries of normal people.

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“Matthew uses this word in a totally different way. It is not the elite who are blessed. It is not the rich and powerful who are blessed. It is not the high and mighty who are blessed. It is not the people living in huge mansions or expensive penthouses who are blessed. Rather, Jesus pronounces God’s blessing on the lowly: the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the meek, the mourning. Throughout the history of this word, it had always been the other people considered blessed: the rich, the filled up, the powerful. Jesus turns it all upside-down. The elite in God’s kingdom, the blessed ones in God’s kingdom are those who are at the bottom of the heap of humanity.”

“Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness for you shall be filled.”



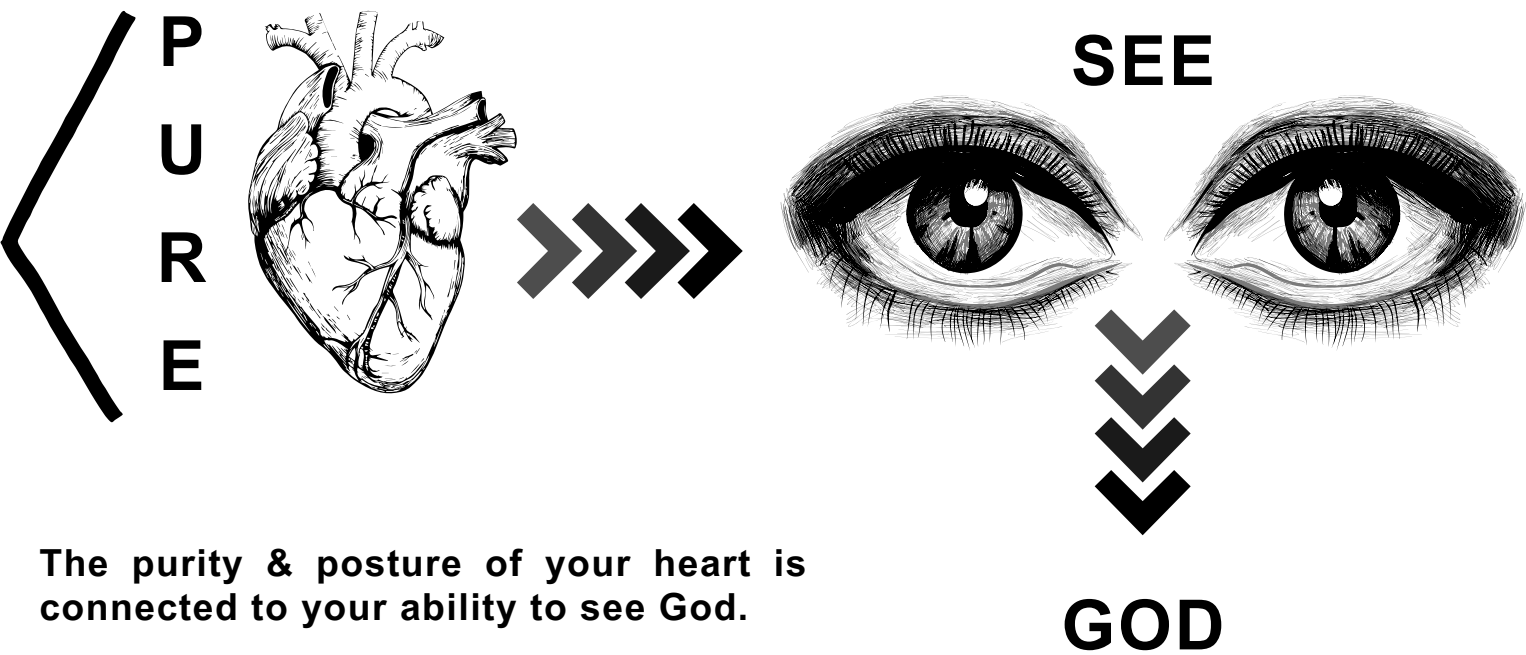
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In other words, those who are humble & long to be consumed (& fed by) the reality of righteousness (faith in the death & resurrection of Jesus that paid for the penalty of our sin & cleared our record) will be filled & satisfied. They will live above the cares and worries of this world. The more they consume of the reality of righteousness, the higher they go.

Righteousness is a magnet for Heaven. The righteous One resides at the right hand of the Father, His name is Jesus. The more you feast on righteousness here on Earth, there's a magnetic drawing to that same position to rule and reign with the Righteous One. Righteousness is the key that unlocks satisfaction. The more we consume of the reality & revelation of righteousness the more freedom that is available to us.

(Share about the encounter in Destin that connected to hunger.)

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
Matthew 5:8 NKJV



The purity & posture of your heart is connected to your ability to see God.



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HEAVEN'S ESTABLISHMENT:

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. How can the Kingdom of God be established in our lives in a greater way today?

We can never establish or released what we have not first received. The Kingdom has to be established first within our lives before it's established through our lives.

Let's do some inventory: What are we consuming?

We leaned into accessing the promise of Matthew 5:6. The key to accessing the promise of being blessed & being filled is consuming righteousness.

1. Do you find yourself living in the blessing of the Lord?
2. Are you filled and satisfied?
3. Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?

**Holy Spirit,
We long and desire to live in the blessing of the Lord. Give us a fresh hunger and thirst for righteousness. Fill us, Holy Spirit.**
