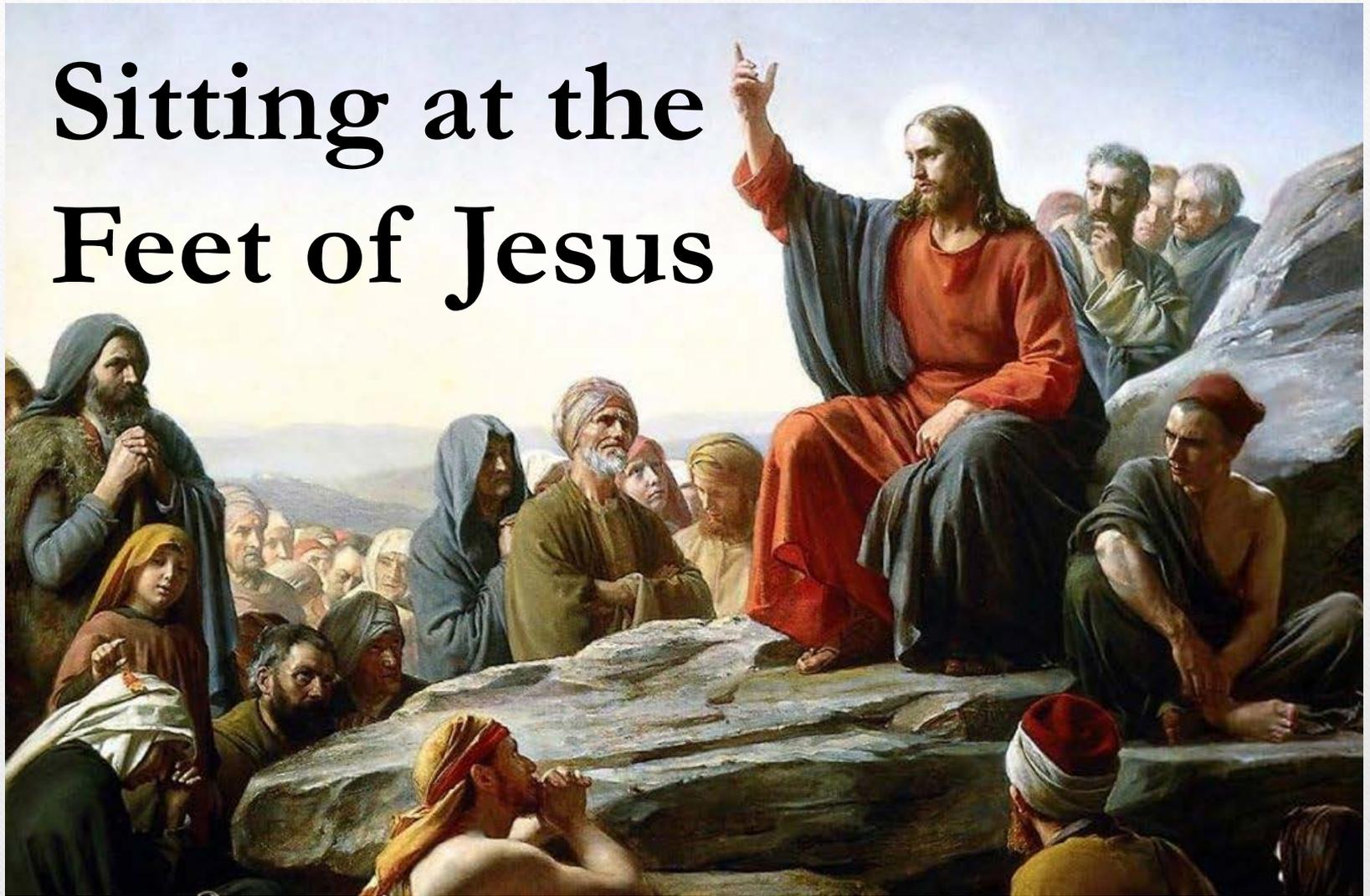


Sitting at the Feet of Jesus



The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Matthew 5: 1 (NASB)

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

Matthew 5: 2 (NASB)

He opened His mouth and
began to teach them,
saying,

Matthew 5: 3 (NASB)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5: 4 (NASB)

“Blessed are those who
mourn, for they shall be
comforted.”

Matthew 5: 5 (NIV)

“Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the
earth.”

Matthew 5: 6 (NASB)

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

Question

What do you think of
when you are hungry?

In the Greek

This was no mere reference to basic hunger which could be satisfied by lunch, the thought is that of starvation. Similarly, the picture behind the word thirst is that of a person or an animal parched and exhausted.

Sir Ernest Shackleton



day fast. It was directed to Mr. Robert
Harrison. No. 34 Baker st.

EDWARD HUGHES, 41 Fish st.

MEN WANTED

for hazardous journey, small wages,
bitter cold, long months of complete
darkness, constant danger. Safe re-
turn doubtful, honor and recognition
in event of success.

Ernest Shackleton 4 Burlington st.

MEN — Neat-appearing young men of
pleasing personality, between ages of
21 to 40 to work at leathershop com

In Antarctica summer 1908
Sir Ernest Shackleton & 3
others decided they were
going to travel from their
station in Antarctica to the
South Pole.

Weeks later their pack animals were dead and their rations gone so they turned back without any food. Shackleton records in his book "*The Heart of Antarctica*" the following:

We were totally out of food,
we staggered along
suffering dysentery, not
knowing if we would
survive. Every waking hour
was consumed with
thoughts of food and eating.

Shackleton said he never experienced such a hunger and desire for food that totally consumed him.

Question

What do you think of
when you are thirsty?

During the liberation of Palestine in World War I, allied troops were moving from the south northward past Beersheba when they ran out of water. Survivors said their mouths got dry, their heads ached, and they became dizzy and faint. Eyes became bloodshot, lips swelled and turned purple.

Many died, however when they made it to Sheriah water was distributed from the large stone cisterns, the more able bodied were required to stand at attention and wait for the wounded and those who would take guard duty to drink first.

It was four hours before the last man had his drink. During that time the men stood no more than twenty feet from thousands of gallons of water of which they are in an agonizing need of.

An surviving officer who had to wait for others to drink made the following statement:

“I believe that we all learned our first real Bible lesson on the march from Beersheba to Sheriah Wells.

If such a thirst for God, for righteousness and for His will in our lives, a consuming, all-embracing, preoccupying desire, how rich in the fruit of the Spirit would we be?”

Question

Can you hunger and thirst for things other than food and water?

Question

What is Jesus saying we should hunger and thirst for?

Question

What is Righteousness?

Greek

δικαιοσύνη - dikaiosýnē
[dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay]

state of him who is as
he ought to be,
righteousness, the
condition acceptable to
God

Webster 1828

conformity of life to the
divine law.

(To be right with God)

Webster today

acting in accord with
divine or moral law

Psalm 42: 1-2 (NASB)

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

Psalm 63: 1 (NASB)

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.

Psalm 84: 2(NASB)

My soul longed and even
yearned **for the courts**
of the Lord; My heart
and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Question

Where are the courts of
the Lord?

Psalm 84: 2(NASB)

My soul longed and even
yearned **for the courts**
of the Lord; My heart
and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Psalm 143: 6 (NASB)

I stretch out my hands to
You; My soul longs for
You, as a parched land.

Jeremiah 15: 6 (NASB)

Your words were found
and I ate them,
And Your words became
for me a joy and the
delight of my heart

Question

Would you say our
world today is a
spiritual desert?

Question

How long can you survive without water?

Answer

Up to ten days in a moderate climate or just a few hours under the desert sun.

Question

Are you hungering and
thirsting for God?

Spiritual Hunger

- 1) Spiritual Hunger is a Gauge of your Spiritual Health

Question

Do you get hungry when
you are sick?

Question

What type of person
never gets hungry?

Answer

Someone dead

John 6: 24 (NASB)

So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

John 6: 25 (NASB)

When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

John 6: 26 (NASB)

Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

John 6: 27 (NASB)

Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.”

John 6: 35 (NASB)

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

John 6: 52 (NASB)

Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?”

Question

How can you tell if people are hungry when they sit down at the dinner table?

Answer

The table gets quiet
because everyone is busy
eating.

**If you come to church and
are constantly gossiping,
distracted, fussing and
complaining then you must
ask yourself if you are
coming to Church hungry
and thirsting for God.**

1 Peter 2: 1-2 (NASB)

Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation

Spiritual Hunger

- 1) Spiritual Hunger is a Gauge of your Spiritual Health
- 2) Spiritual Hunger is a Gauge of your Spiritual Growth

Hebrews 5: 11-14 (NASB)

Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become **dull of hearing**. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God

Hebrews 5: 11-14 (NASB)

and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Question

What does “dull of hearing” mean?

Answer

nōthroĩ

νωθροĩ

Sluggish

Lack of a desire or hunger
for growth or maturity!

Question

What is milk?

Answer

Food that has already
been digested.

Question

What is spiritual milk?

Spiritual Hunger

- 1) Spiritual Hunger is a Gauge of your Spiritual Health
- 2) Spiritual Hunger is a Gauge of your Spiritual Growth
- 3) You Are What You Eat

Question



What will happen to your health if all you ever eat are Twinkies and Ho Hos and all you ever drink is Mountain Dew?

Question

What is the spiritual application of this?

Walter Kaiser (1981)

“It is no secret that Christ’s Church is not in good health in many places of the world. She has been languishing because she has been fed, as the current line has it, ‘junk food;’

all kinds of artificial preservatives and all sorts of unnatural substitutes have been served up to her. As a result, theological and biblical malnutrition has afflicted the very generation that has taken such giant steps to make sure its physical health is not damaged by using foods or products that are harmful to their bodies.

Simultaneously a worldwide spiritual famine resulting from the absence of any genuine publication of the Word of God (Amos 8:11) continues to run wild and almost unabated in most quarters of the Church.”

Amos 8: 11 (NASB)

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.

2 Timothy 1: 13 (NASB)

Retain the standard of **sound words** which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Question

What do sound words
mean to you?

Sound Words-Greek

hygiainontōn

ὑγιαίνοντων

of sound

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 (NASB)

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine**;

2 Timothy 4: 2-4 (NASB)

but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

Question

Do you think the time has come when the church no longer wants healthy, sound words but instead wants junk food?

Question

Do you see people today coming to Church to learn sound teaching or for entertainment?

Spiritual Hunger

- 1) Spiritual Hunger is a Gauge of your Spiritual Health
- 2) Spiritual Hunger is a Gauge of your Spiritual Growth
- 3) You Are What You Eat
- 4) Spiritual Hunger will Result in Righteousness

Matthew 5: 6 (NASB)

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

Question

What does it mean that
our Spiritual hunger
and thirst for
Righteousness will be
satisfied?

Note: Jesus is using the words hunger and thirst in the present tense which means this hunger is continual, an internal hunger that continues and grows your entire Christian life

Question

Are you hungering and
thirsting for
Righteousness?

If so, Jesus promises you
will be blessed and your
hunger and thirst
satisfied!

Matthew 5: 6 (NASB)

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