

A. REVIEW

Jesus said, but didn't explain... For those who have ears to hear; hidden from the rest...

1. Blessedness = Constant State Of Supreme Well Being
2. Poor In Spirit (:3)
3. Meek (:4)
4. Mourn (:5)
5. Heaven, Comfort, Earth: Seek First...
6. All Vertical - Our Attitudes Towards God

B. (:6) BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Hunger & Thirst = Desperate Desire (cf. Mourn)
 - a. cookie; dinner time; need (blood sugar, etc.)
 - b. Hunger & thirst = Appetite
 - c. You are what you eat: the appetite you feed = what you become
 - d. A changed attitude toward God brings about a changed appetite
2. Righteousness = The Way Things Ought To Be / God's Idea Of Right-ness In Every Area Of Life
 - a. I like everything just so / right (sock drawer, closet)... drives people crazy...
 - b. e.g. right decisions / habits / attitudes / temperament / generosity / stewardship...
3. The Promise Is: You Will Be Filled (glutted)
 - a. This is one time when you WANT people to say he/she is full of it
 - b. When you're appetites are attuned to the Lord, your hunger & thirst will be satisfied

C. (:7) BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY

1. After :3-6 Your Attitude Toward Others Is Less Judgmental / Condemning
 - a. As you judge...
 - b. Forgive & you will be forgiven
 - c. Show mercy & mercy will be shown to you