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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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LORD'S DAY 10 MAY 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:21–22

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 27 – “Now Thank We All Our God”

Opening Prayer

John Poh

Responsive Reading

Psalm 52

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 52:1–9

(to the tune of *Cleansing Fountain*, RHC 173)

Scriptural Text

Isaiah 55:1–13

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Brian Harper

Sermon Message

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness”

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 38 – “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”

Observation of Lord's Supper

Rev Brian Harper

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Brian Harper

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* *Congregation Stands*

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,

The Lord is in His holy temple:

Let all the earth keep silence,

Let all the earth keep silence before Him -

Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

And be gracious unto you, be gracious,

The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.

Amen.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 4

Q: What is God?

A: God is a spirit – infinite, eternal, and unchangeable – in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Comments:

The first thing we are here told concerning God is, that he has no *body* as we have. The second thing is, that he is not limited like us by want of power, affected by time, or subject to change. And the third thing is, that in character he is wise, and holy, and just, and good, and true. This is *our* God – the greatest of all beings, and the best.

Scriptural Reference:

John 4:24, Job 11:7, Daniel 4:35, Psalm 90:2, Psalm 102:26, 27

Dear brethren, this week's article is the continuation of the series of articles on The Beatitudes written by Rev Brian Harper specially for our edification.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness

The entire Sermon on the Mount presupposes an acceptance of the gospel, the experience of conversion and the new birth, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It depicts the new life that proceeds from faith in Christ and his work of grace in our lives.

In this sense the Sermon on the Mount is just like the second section of Paul's letters, where he describes the life God wants us to live, after he has first described the salvation God has given us in Christ. The one leads to the other and makes the other possible. Christ saved us to renew and remake our lives. The sermon is about those new lives that are ours now, to live by the grace of God.

The first four beatitudes therefore, in one way or another, express the disciple's fundamental spirit of dependence upon the Lord. The beatitudes that follow express the outworking of that spirit of dependence in the Christian's life.

This morning we focus upon the words of the fourth beatitude, recorded in Matthew 5:6: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled".

Here Jesus says that true and lasting satisfaction in life comes from consistently and persistently seeking after righteousness. Now Psalm 33:5 declares that "The Lord loves righteousness". Therefore, a person who hungers and thirsts for what God loves is someone who will have God's favour upon their life.

In the words of Dr. Robert Rayburn: "The essential theme of the Bible from beginning to end is that God's purpose in human history is to call out a people for Himself who will be holy as He is holy, who will serve Him, and enjoy the blessing of His love and favour while they live lives that adorn His gospel before the world and prove its truth and power to those who observe them".

New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness”

(The Beatitudes – Part 5)

Rev Brian D Harper

10th May 2026

Introduction:

1. The feelings that grip us:

Signs of hope.

Signs of holiness.

Signs of health.

2. The focus that governs us:

A product.

A period.

A person.

3. The filling that is guaranteed to us:

A promise.

A paradox.

A participation.

MEMORY VERSE	
This Week <i>Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”</i> Matthew 5:6	Last Week <i>“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”</i> Matthew 5:5

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

We thank God for providing Rev Brian Harper to minister to us today.

Rev Harper will be ministering to us until the end May.

Lord's Supper, 10 May – We will be observing the Lord's Supper today.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

After-Service Fellowship – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

Afternoon Bible Study – For the duration of Rev Harper's ministry, he will be conducting the study on Philippians. This week's study is taken from Philippians 3:10 4:1.

Children's Sunday School – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

The Believer's Daily Remembrancer – 10th May

(written by Rev James Smith)

"For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." Lamentations 3:33

OUR afflictions do not flow from sovereignty, but from our Father's wisdom, holiness and love. He finds no pleasure in our pains, groans, and sighs. He is never hasty in using the rod; mercy flies to help us, but He is slow to anger and of great kindness. He never afflicts us without a sufficient cause; either sin has been committed; duties neglected; mercies slighted; lukewarmness discovered; worldly-mindedness tolerated; privileges abused; warnings despised; temptations trifled with; or danger is near. He never afflicts without a good and gracious intention, to make us fear, loathe, and flee from sin; to show His disapprobation of our unholy course; to quicken us in His ways; to make us long for, seek, and partake of His holiness; to produce contrition and godly sorrow; or to prove that His authority is not surrendered because His love is great. He only afflicts partially, occasionally, and sparingly. He always strikes in love, and aims at our spiritual welfare; and we are often more benefited by afflictions, than we are by comforts and joys. O Saviour, sanctify to me every afflicting stroke!

*In the floods of tribulation,
While the billows o'er me roll,
Jesus whispers consolation,
And supports my fainting soul:
Sweet affliction,
Thus to bring my Saviour near.*