## **Pastoral Notes**

"Sho Nuff Blessed" Pt2-Matthew 5:6-8.

We continued with Pt 2 of the "Sho Nuff Blessed" series learning to live a natural life that will yield an eternal blessing.

The Kingdom of God has come, with the incarnation of Jesus, yet it is still 'to come' in the future fulfillment of scripture, that has been revealed to us. But we must live now, with eager anticipation of our

body, but for that which satisfies the soul.

Jesus teaches, we must put being righteous over being right. Humility and meekness can help. He also teaches that being merciful is an area where we as Christians must excel. As you consider all God has done for you remember to treat others in a like manner. Lastly, he teaches that if we want to one day see the face of God, we must strive to maintain a pure and clean

## Key Sermonic Points

- 1. It is better to be righteous than to be right
- 2. People who are not merciful are pitiful
- 3. Your heart (not your eyes) will allow you to see God

future hope knowing that the choices we make now, have eternal ramifications.

Just as world class athletes are hungry for championships and awards, Jesus teaches that we, his disciples, must hunger and thirst to live as people of righteousness. This means we must live in conformity with the moral character of our God. As God rules in righteousness, we must live righteously. Our thirst & hunger must not be only for that which satisfies the

heart. Let's work on filtering out impurities such as unforgiveness, envy & bitterness. We don't have to be perfect, but we ought to strive to have a heart like Jesus. If you are able to do these things, you will be Sho Nuff Blessed.

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## Nuggets:

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- Prayer, fasting and sacrifice are ways in which we can develop a hunger for the things of God.
- Hunger and thirst are physiological necessities. Be sure your hunger and thirst includes the things of God
- If you never receive another job, raise, promotion or companion, because of God's mercies, you are still Sho-Nuff Blessed
- Mercy allows you to forgive and still interact with people who have hurt, cheated or disrespected you
- A pure heart means you are singularly focused on pleasing God