

Righteousness

Matt 5:6

*What is Righteousness?

-Doing what is right

*How do you determine what is right?

-The highest good (several philosophical theories of what the highest good is).

Perfection, enduring, enjoying

*God personifies what is good.

-He is perfect in that He needs nothing (Acts 17:24-25)

-He endures in that He is immortal (I Tim 1:17)

-He enjoys (Luke 12:22-34)

*Correction: He doesn't align with what is good. He defines what is good and has a purpose for us to share in His Righteousness.

*Seek it first Matt 6:33 (parallel passage to Luke 12)

*You will receive the tools to be righteous if you are hungry for it (Matt 5:6)

*It's needed for kingdom entry. What God has said is not to be swept away but fulfilled (Matt 5:17-20)

*John came in righteousness (Matt 21:32)

-Repent, do good, point to Jesus (Luke 3:7-20)

*Do good to others (Matt 25:37-40)

*The righteous have a true sense of sin (Luke 18:9-14)

*Some may appear righteous, but only outwardly, be wary (Matt 23:27-28)

-Spies pretended to be righteous (Luke 20:20)

*Persecution can come from being righteous (Matt 5:10)

-Abel was righteous (Matt 23:35) He gave worship to God through his work (Gen 4:4)

-and was killed for it (Gen 4:8)

*If you do well will you not be accepted? (Gen 4:7)

*In the end we will shine as the sun. Molten refined gold? (Matt 13:37-43)