

1 Peter 2:24-25

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

The purpose of the passion of Yahshua Messiah is that we should have a passion for righteousness. Messiah died to redeem a people who no longer live for themselves, but who live with a passion for holiness.

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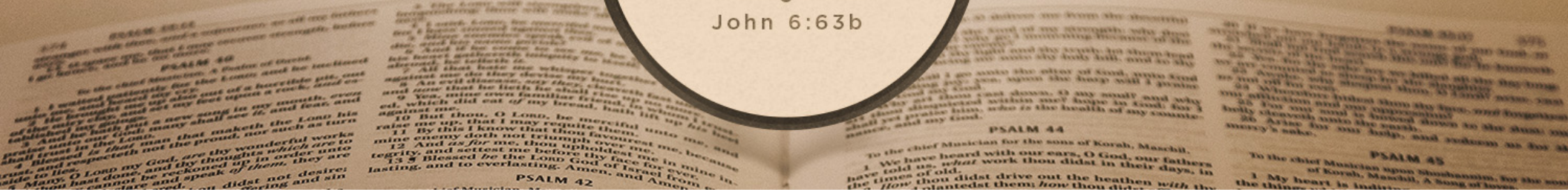
Mathew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of Elohim, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Four Strategies for Cultivating a Healthy Appetite for Yahweh

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1. Gain momentum from the first three beatitudes

The Beatitudes are progressive. Each beatitude assumes the ones that have gone before. You can't just hunger and thirst for righteousness, you have to start from the beginning. We've pictured them like rings that are reached by the momentum you gain from swinging on the previous ones.

This doesn't mean you have to spend a week being poor in spirit and a month mourning over sins before you can move on. The momentum of realizing your poverty before Yahweh, seeing your own sins, and submitting yourself unconditionally to the will of Yahweh may happen all at once.

Yahweh may birth all of this in your heart with great power today. The point is simply that *if progress is to be made*, none of these elements, which we have pictured as rings, can be missing.

So, you can't start at the fourth beatitude and decide that you want to have a great hunger for holiness. But here's the encouragement: If you become poor in spirit, mourn your sins, and submit your life to the will of Elohim, you *will* find that a true hunger and thirst for righteousness springs from these roots.

Let's apply that obvious principle from the world of the body to the world of the soul: Legitimate pleasures at the wrong time and in the wrong amount will spoil your appetite for holiness.

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Legitimate pleasures can make you dull and sluggish in following after Messiah. They can spoil your hunger and thirst to be all that you can be for Yahweh. Some of you can look back to a time in your life when you had a great passion to live all out for Yahshua Messiah.

What happened? The appetite was spoiled by legitimate comforts and pleasures.

Fasting has the effect of cleansing out the body, and the same thing can happen in your soul by choosing to deny yourself a legitimate pleasure for a season. This is a great way to bring appetites that have become inordinate back under control.

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1 Timothy 4:1-16

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats, which Elohim hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of Elohim is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of Elohim and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Yahshua Messiah, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto righteousness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little : but holiness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

**9 This is a faithful saying and worthy
of all acceptation.**

**10 For therefore we both labour and
suffer reproach, because we trust in
the living Elohim, who is the Saviour
of all men, specially of those that
believe.**

11 These things command and teach.

**12 Let no man despise thy youth;
but be thou an example of the
believers, in word, in conversation,
in charity, in spirit, in faith, in
purity.**

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Make yourself available to the needs of others and your hunger and thirst for righteousness will increase. Simply seeing yourself as a Christian who needs to receive all the time will make you spiritually dull. But serving others will stimulate your spiritual appetite.

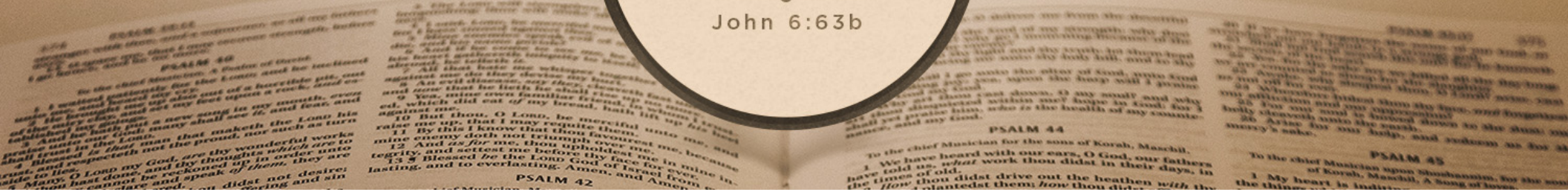
4. Use your blessings and troubles as incentives to feed on Messiah.

“I am the bread of life... If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.”

John 6:48, 51

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**“There are two things that
provoke appetite.**

1. Exercise 2. Sauce!”

Yahweh increases our hunger and thirst for righteousness by: The sweet sauce of our blessings, the sharp sauce of our troubles, and the hot sauce of our persecutions.

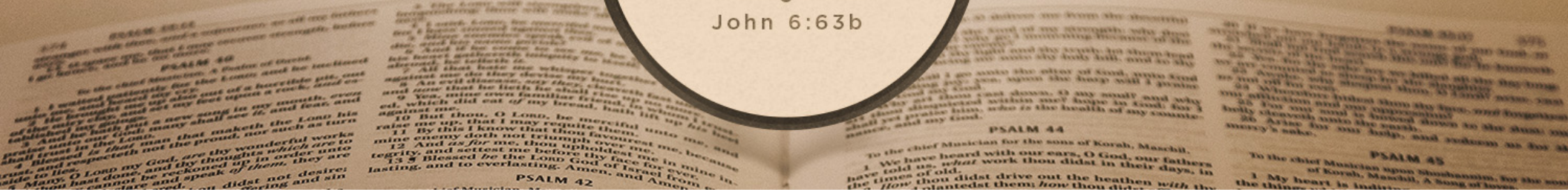
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When blessing come learn to say, “Yahweh is so good, I want to know more of him.” When troubles, difficulty or persecution come, learn to say, **“My flesh and my heart may fail but Elohim is the strength of my heart and my portion forever”** (Psalm 73:26).

You might say you hunger and
thirst and are not satisfied.
Perhaps Yahweh is not satisfied
with your level of hunger and
thirst.

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**Those who hunger after
righteousness shall be filled. Yahweh
never bids us to seek him 'in vain'
(Isaiah 45:19)**

Isaiah 45:18-25

18 For thus saith Yahweh that created the heavens; Elohim himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: *I am* Yahweh; and *there is* none else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, **Seek ye me in vain:** I Yahweh speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

**20 Assemble yourselves and come;
draw near together, ye *that are*
escaped of the nations: they have no
knowledge that set up the wood of
their graven image, and pray unto a
el *that* cannot save.**

21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I Yahweh? and *there is* no Elohim else beside me; a just El and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.

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22 Look unto me, and be ye saved,
all the ends of the earth: for I *am* El,
and *there is* none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word
is gone out of my mouth *in*
righteousness, and shall not return,
That unto me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.

24 Surely, shall *one* say, in Yahweh have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In Yahweh shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Yahweh can fill the hungry soul.

He is called a fountain. 'With you is the fountain of life' (Psalm 36:9).

The *cistern* may be empty and cannot fill us. Creatures are often 'broken cisterns' (Jeremiah 2:13). But the *fountain* is filling. Yahweh is a fountain. If we bring the vessels of our desires to this fountain, he is able to fill them.

1 The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of Elohim before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed;
he setteth himself in a way *that is*
not good; he abhorreth not evil.
5 Thy mercy, O Yahweh, *is* in the
heavens; *and* thy faithfulness
reacheth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Yahweh, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O Elohim! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

**11 Let not the foot of pride come
against me, and let not the hand of
the wicked remove me.**

**12 There are the workers of iniquity
fallen: they are cast down, and shall
not be able to rise.**

Jeremiah 2:13

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Psalms 81:8-16

The Haves and Should Haves

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8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify
unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt
hearken unto me;

9 There shall no strange El be in thee;
neither shalt thou worship any
strange El.

10 I *am* Yahweh thy Elohim, which
brought thee out of the land of Egypt:
open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of Yahweh should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.