



Man, and His Appetites

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The Appetites of Men

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- a. The Appetite for _____ and _____ ...
Cf. Gen. 2:15; 1 Samuel 17; Judges 13-16

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3. The Root Problem of Men is not that they have _____, but that those _____ have been separated from the _____.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” – Proverbs 1:7 (cf. Rom. 1:22-23)

In Summary ...

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” – Matthew 5:6

Jesus did not come to eliminate desire – He came to _____ the Brokenness that unordered desire had wrought and to _____ the Desires of the Redeemed.

Every man in is hungry for a life that _____. The question is never **whether** he will pursue significance—but **who will define** significance for him.

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

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- Let the sacrifices already given by this person move You, Lord, to fulfill Your promises.
- Grant this person’s desires and fulfill all Your purpose! Help him delight in You so his desires will come to align with YOUR desires.

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