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SERMON OUTLINE

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Experiencing God's best  
Matthew 5:6-8 (Beatitudes Part 2)

- I. Those who long for righteousness will experience the blessings of God's righteousness (Matthew 5:6).
  - A. Our mindset: Hunger and thirst for righteousness (Psalm 37:4).
  - B. God's promise: We'll be happier AND God satisfies our desire for righteousness.
    - God blesses those who long for righteousness (Romans 5:1; Proverbs 20:7; Matthew 6:33).
- II. Those who show mercy will experience God's mercy (Matthew 5:7).
  - A. Our mindset: Freely extending forgiveness and relinquishing our right of payback (Micah 6:8).
  - B. God's promise: We'll be happier AND God will treat us with mercy.
    - God shows us mercy when we show mercy to others (Matthew 18:21-35).
    - We can trust God when we've been wronged (1 Corinthians 6:1-8; 1 Peter 2:23).
- III. Those who pursue a pure heart will see and understand God better (Matthew 5:8).
  - A. Our mindset: Pursuing purity before God internally where only He sees (Psalm 139:23-24).
  - B. God's promise: We'll be happier AND we'll enjoy the presence of God.
    - Someday we will see God face to face because we will be pure (1 John 3:2-3) but already as we seek purity we will experience God at work.