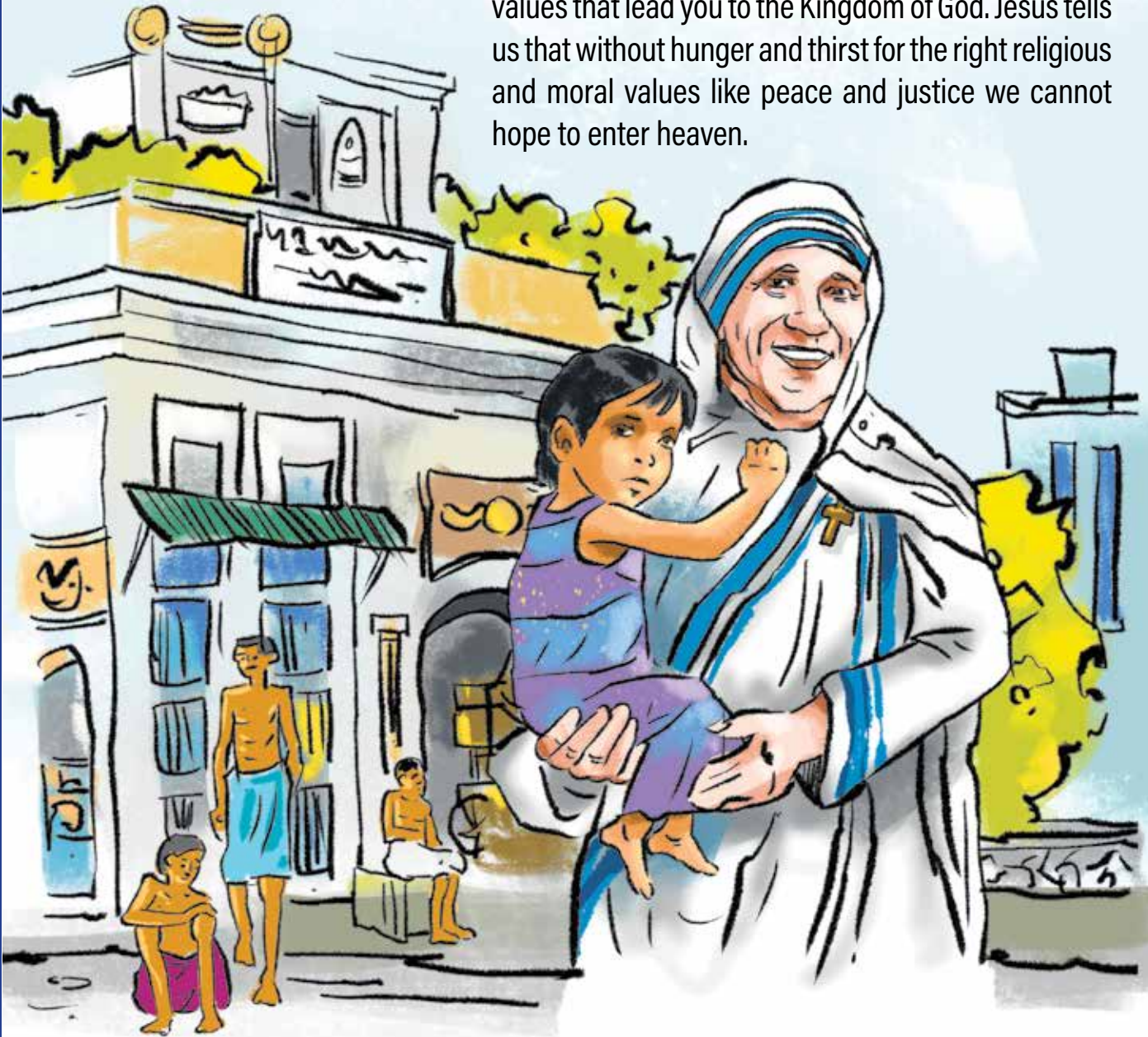




Happy are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Righteousness is a combination of all the Christian values that lead you to the Kingdom of God. Jesus tells us that without hunger and thirst for the right religious and moral values like peace and justice we cannot hope to enter heaven.



The Kingdom of God is a place where mutual love, freedom, forgiveness, reconciliation, justice, peace, and such Christian values will be the main stream of our lives. Righteousness is a combination of all these values to ensure a life full of peace and love. Jesus says that unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. He wants us to hunger and thirst for values like justice and peace so that when faced with a choice we always desire to do the right thing.

In His life, Jesus faced situations where He had to make a choice, like when the Devil took Him on top of a mountain and offered Him the kingdoms of the world in all its greatness, provided Jesus bowed and worshipped the Devil. What did Jesus do? He asked the Devil to go away telling him He will only worship the Lord and serve only Him.

Jesus made the right choice at a time when the Jews were expecting a Messiah who was a political and military leader, one that was capable of removing the Roman rulers from their land. The Devil was trying to tempt Jesus by offering Him political and military power over the entire world. But Jesus, the true son of God, chose to be righteous and follow His Father's plan.

Most problems in today's world are caused by the eroding of right values and relationships. And we aren't looking at the big problems between warring nations. Even in our personal lives when we quarrel with a friend, it leads to a breaking up of our friendship.

The fourth Beatitude is a clarion call to always do what is right in the eyes of God.



Word of God

Luke 22: 39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."



Quote: *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* Matthew 6: 33

Quote: *"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41: 10

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