

Seek First the Kingdom

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Text: Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Historical Context:

1) First Events

- a) Baptism - Jesus has been baptized by John and a voice from heaven, proclaims Him The SON
- b) Fasting - Afterwards he begins a fast in the wilderness for 40 days and faces Lucifer himself. And Jesus did what Adam could not do... He won the battle over the temptation.
- c) Begins Preachign the Kingdom– Mt 3:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- d) He then calls his disciples to follow him
- e) Expands the message of the Kingdom - Mt. 3:23 And he (Jesus and the disciples) went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.
 - i) Notice “Kingdom” once again.
 - ii) Because he was healing people and setting them free... his fame began to spread. Mt 4:25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

2) Sermon on the Mount

- a) One day with a huge crowd following Jesus climbs a hill teaches them about the Kingdom.
- b) He delivers this message as Son of God, who’s authority was greater than the scribes... greater than Moses... and even greater than their father Abraham.
- c) You can find he message in Mt. 5-7. He begins by saying it the meek, the merciful, pure in heart would seen God, know God and possess the Kingdom!

3) Scriptural Context: Matthew 6:25-34

What does it Mean to Seek First the Kingdom of God?

1) Seek to Make God’s Top Priority Your Top Priority.

- a) Identifying the correct and the right priorities in life this year should be our goal!
 - i) One of the greatest challenges of life in general, is the daily complication of choosing the right things among all the competing demands and alternatives for our time.
 - ii) Identifying the correct and the right priorities in life is the key to this year!
- b) Jesus identified the correct and greatest Priority for life when he said, Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...

- c) What is God's Priority?!

 - i) The First is the Kingdom
 - ii) Second is His Righteousness
 - iii) Third is everything else (will come to you)

d) The Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

- i) The Kingdom? is the governing influence of heaven on the earth.

You are to seek his governing influence your personal life, in your home, on your job, in your business, in your body, in your children, in your hobbies, on your vacation... whatever you do, **seek the kingly influence of Jesus in your life.**

- ii) His Righteousness? is the alignment and/or the right positioning of one's self with heaven's government.

(1) **This means we should seek to make God be the Ruler and King in our lives now, by living in obedience to Jesus who is the King of heaven and the King of my life.**

(2) Jesus said, pray this way: Mt 6:10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

(a) There is no disobedience in Heaven! there is no one out of alignment in heaven. Everything in heaven exist to do His will! (Psalm 103:21, "Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will!")

(b) "Father, please cause me to obey your will the way the angels obey it in heaven."

2) Pray for God's Priorities to Become Your Reality.

- a) Having trouble with your priorities? Wondering where should you should get started?

Jesus answered that: Begin with a Prayer Life! Learn to pray **Kingdom Seeking Prayers!**

We should make a personal list of the Right Things (His righteousness) that need to come into total aligning for 2017 and begin to pray for these righteous things into our reality.

- b) It is through prayer that one receives revelation concerning the heart and mind of God.

Spirit-led prayer is vital to a kingdom man or woman

Romans 8:26,27 NLT And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. **27** And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

- c) Start first with repentance for any unrighteous things in your life. Any unaligned or misaligned activities in your life.
 - i) If the bible says it is sin don't rationalize it. Let the **government of heaven** have rule over that thing your life.
 - ii) Example: If sex outside of marriage is sin, don't say "well this is just the way things are in 2016" THAT IS NOT KINGDOM! submit to the rule of heaven and repent AND STOP SINNING.

3) Seek to Let These Prayers Be Answered in Your Life.

- a) Commit to living out what you prayed over.

There is nothing but obedience to God's will in heaven. There is no confusion about who rules in heaven

- b) First seek the influence of God on the earth and secondly – seek your right positioning with that heavenly government. Then He says, everything else will be added to you.

There is no anxiety about what to wear and what to eat in heaven.

What should we seek first this year? THE KINGDOM

Jesus says if we make His priorities our priorities then we won't have to seek things, they will seek us
v. **33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

All things will be added, all things will be added.

Seek His governing influence first and you will see that the things you seek now will soon start seeking you out!