

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD Matthew 6:33

Introduction

1. “Familiarity breeds contempt.”
2. Unfortunately it’s possible to become so familiar with a verse (or passage) that its meaning is lost on us.
3. The immortal, oft repeated words of Matthew 6:33 serves as a case in point.
4. This verse should never lose its meaning to the child of God.
 - I. Seek ye ...
 - A. “Seek” implies that something has been lost!
 1. Innocence-Romans 3:23
 2. Fellowship-Isaiah 59:2
 3. Hope-Ephesians 2:12
 - B. “Seek” is an action word! We must do something!
 - II. Seek YE ...
 - A. Jesus is speaking to his followers (Matthew 5:1).
 - B. God has always encouraged man to seek Him.
 1. Deuteronomy 4:29
 2. 2 Chronicles 7:14
 3. Psalm 105:4
 4. Psalm 119:2
 5. Lamentations 3:25
 6. Hebrews 11:6
 - C. No one can do *for* us what God requires *of* us.
 1. Ezekiel 18:20
 2. Matthew 16:24
 3. Matthew 10:38
 4. Galatians 6:5
 - III. Seek ye First ...
 - A. First means FIRST!
 - B. God will not accept second place; period.
 1. Exodus 20:3-5
 2. People say, “first let me do *this* or *that*, then I’ll serve God.” God will not accept this (see Matthew 8:21, 22).

3. Solomon described the efforts to live life with God in the distance as vanity. Only with God in the proper place was Solomon happy (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
 4. Love is shown in the priority we give things.
 - a. 1 John 2:15
 - b. Matthew 22:36-38
 - c. Matthew 10:37
- IV. See ye first The Kingdom Of God ...
- A. If Jesus would have just said, "Seek ye first," then **WE could fill in the blank**, but Jesus tells us what is to be our first!
 - B. The New Testament opens with 84 preachers declaring the kingdom of God.
 1. John the baptizer-Matthew 3:2
 2. Jesus-Matthew 4:17
 3. The 12 disciples-Matthew 10:5-7
 4. The 70 sent-Luke 10:1ff
 - C. Following Acts 2, the New Testament speaks of the kingdom as in existence.
 1. Colossians 1:13
 2. Hebrews 12:28
 3. Revelation 1:9
- V. See ye first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness...
- A. We are not to seek out own righteousness (see Romans 10:3).
 - B. God's righteousness is to be sought (Psalm 119:172; Romans 1:16, 17).
- VI. ...And All This Things Shall Be Added
- A. God has the ability to take care of each of us.
 1. Matthew 6:31, 32
 2. Psalm 37:25
 3. Mark 10:29, 30
 - B. God will take care of us in this life (John 10:10), "and in the world to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30).

Too Busy

Too busy to read the Bible, too busy to wait and pray
 Too busy to speak out kindly to someone by the way!
 Too busy to care and struggle, to think of the life to come
 Too busy building mansions, to plan for the heavenly home.
 Too busy to help a brother who faces the winter blast.
 Too busy to share his burden, when self in the balance is cast.
 Too busy for all that is holy on earth beneath the sky;
 Too busy to serve the Master, but not too busy to die.

Scripture Sheet

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God,

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of

Deu 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Psa 105:4 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Psa 119:2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

Lam 3:25 The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Eze 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

Mat 10:38 **And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.**

Gal 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Mat 8:21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Mat 8:22 But Jesus said unto him, **Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.**

1Jo 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Mat 22:36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

Mat 22:38 **This is the first and great commandment.**

Mat 10:37 **He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mat 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Psa 37:25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Mar 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

Mar 10:30 But he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.