

Understanding

The

Kingdom

Matthew 6:33

Key Verse:

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

*33 But seek **first** THE KINGDOM OF GOD and His righteousness,
and all these **things** shall be added to you.*

Introduction

*It Is Difficult To Seek Something That You Don't **Know** What It Is
You Don't Know What It Looks Like
You Don't Know What It Consists Of*

If I Don't Know What It Is.... How Can I Rejoice When I Find It!!!

Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

*44 "The kingdom of heaven **is like** treasure hidden in a field. When a man **found it**, he hid it again, and **THEN IN HIS** joy went and **SOLD ALL HE HAD AND BOUGHT THAT FIELD.***

*45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant **looking for fine pearls**.*

*46 When he **found one of great value**, he went away and **sold everything he had and bought it**.*

*We Need To **Know/Understand** The Kingdom
To **Experience This Joy** and **Realize It's Value***

*You Will Never **Seek** nor **Prioritize** Something That You Don't **See As Valuable***

Introduction

Let's Define The Kingdom of God

*The Kingdom of God **is** GOD'S SOVEREIGN RULE AND REIGN*

The Kingdom of God is where God Is King and His Will Is Obeyed

*The KINGDOM AGENDA is God's Redemptive Plan to establish His rule,
reflect His righteousness, and advance His reign in the earth—
through people who live under His authority.*

What Does The Scripture Say About The Kingdom

Mark 1:15 (NIV)

15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. **Repent and believe** the good news!"

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NIV)

20 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit the kingdom of God.** 11 **And that is what some of you were.** But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

John 3:3 (NIV)

3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Hebrews 12:28 (NIV)

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Original Intent

Genesis 1:2-3 (NKJV)

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said.....

*God spoke A WORD and Order was Restored in the Earth Realm
His Word is what is used to Restore Order in the Kingdom*

*Now God Begins To EXTEND HIS RULE AND REIGN Into The Earth Realm
After Creation... God's Kingdom is Functioning As Designed*

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have DOMINION OVER the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

*Humanity was created to REPRESENT HIS AUTHORITY IN THE EARTH REALM
We Are Delegated Representatives
Be Good Stewards ~ Manage My Kingdom Business*

MAN WAS GIVEN POWER AND LIVED IN PEACE....

Original Intent

Genesis 2:15-17 (NKJV)

*15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **tend and keep it**. 16 And the LORD God **commanded the man**, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it YOU SHALL SURELY DIE."*

*God Gave **Boundaries** To Preserve Order*

*Every **Kingdom** is governed by **RULES/COMMANDS/PRINCIPLES**
These principles are **NON_NEGOTIABLE***

Application

- *Matthew 5:18 ~ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.*

*Systems put rules in place that can be **amended or adjusted** to satisfy desires*

Original Intent

“Man Was Walking With God Until There Were Competing Priorities”

*In the beginning, man walked with God **in perfect alignment**.
There was no confusion, no divided loyalty, and no rival voice.*

Genesis 3:1 (NKJV)

*1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "**Has God indeed said**, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"*

What Hinders God’s Agenda From Being Done Today
Competing Priorities

What’s Competing For Your Time With God, Your Treasure For God, Your Talent Given By God

Adam didn’t stop believing God...He just didn’t Prioritize His Word

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Kingdom Was Broken

System Of Crime and Violence

System of Division

God Desires To Establish A Kingdom Among A Corrupt System

Exodus 19:3-6 (NIV)

3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:

*4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you **obey me fully and keep my covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my **treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."*

*Although There is Corruption All Around Them
Although There is a System of Crime, Violence, and Division*

*God still desires to **ESTABLISH A KINGDOM** among Corruption*

*The **KINGDOM** once Again Has **PRINCIPLES** to Abide By
He gives them the **10 Commandments** to obey in Exodus 20*

The People Responded ~ All the Lord Commanded us to do....We Will DO IT!!!

There Is Pattern Being Established ~ God Once Again Establishes A Kingdom on Earth

REJECTION OF THE RULER AND HIS RULES

Exodus 32:1-6 (NIV)

1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." 2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." 6 So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

Kingdom Principle ~ No Other God before Me!!!

Once Again disobedience to God's Word removes our PEACE and POWER in a corrupt System

*There is a Pattern of God's Desire for A Kingdom where he Rules and Reigns
But it is constantly rejected by disobedience to HIS WORD*

Application

If You Are Not Experiencing Peace; Are You Under The Rule and Reign of the King

God's Plan To Re-Establish A New Kingdom/Government

*He has attempted to establish with Man
He has attempted to establish with a Nation*

He now reveals One who will re-establish His Kingdom on Earth

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

*6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and **the government** will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.
7 Of the increase of His **government and peace there will be no end**. He will reign on David's throne and **over his kingdom**, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the LORD Almighty **will accomplish this**.*

*From this point Forward, They are looking forward with HOPE of A COMING MESSIAH
To Establish a Kingdom of PEACE, JUSTICE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS*

IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME, GOD SENT HIS SON

Matthew 4:17 (ESV)

*17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the **kingdom** of heaven is at hand.”*

Establish God's Kingdom Agenda

*Raise up Kings and Queens with a kingdom agenda
That can **impact** the SYSTEM*

- *School System*
- *Political System*
- *Economic System*
- *Justice System*

*The **challenge** becomes when we must **compromise**
Kingdom **Principles** to advance in worldly systems*

Maintain a Kingdom Mindset

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind

Matthew 6:24

*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other;
or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and money.*

Establish God's Kingdom Agenda

*Religion looks toward HEAVEN
Kingdom establishes heaven on earth*

In My Prayer Life

Matthew 6:9-10

*9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come; your will be done **on earth as it is in heaven.***

In My Priorities

Matthew 6:33

*33 But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,**
and all these things shall be added to you.*

*When I have a **Kingdom Agenda**, I take care of God's Business and He takes care of Me*

*When we don't fulfill our God-ordained destiny and purpose,
We end up with wasted time, effort, energy, and emotions*

Establish God's Kingdom Agenda

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Kingdom establishes heaven on earth*

In My Peace

*God has given me **DOMINION** over my territory*

I control my Peace, my Joy, and my Happiness

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*In this corrupt world, GOD will GUARD you HEART and MIND
So that you can maintain your PEACE*

Key Points

*Man was given **Dominion** over all things*

*Man forfeited his **Dominion** because of **Disobedience** to God's Word*

*From the Beginning there has been a **System** of Violence, Crime, and Division*

*We Must Not Choose Our **Preference** over God's **Principles** and God's **Plans***

*God's desire was to **Re-establish His Kingdom** On Earth Through Jesus Christ*

*Religion Looks Toward **Heaven**, The Kingdom Agenda Brings **Heaven to Earth***

*This Agenda can be seen in My **Prayer Life**, My **Priorities**, and My **Peace***