

Understanding

The

Kingdom

Part VI

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.***

Why Study This Series....

*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*

The Proper Perspective Enhances My Pursuit

Tonight's Focus....

KINGDOM

GOVERNMENT

Key Passages

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT)

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

7 His government and its peace will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice

from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

Introduction

Isaiah is writing to a nation *dealing with by Assyrian threat, political instability, and corrupt leadership.*

So, God speaks to Isaiah and says, *You Don't Need A Better Politician...*

You Need A Divine Ruler

Isaiah Introduces *a different kind of government*

One that does not hold Elections.... One that is Eternal... One That is Unshakable

Daniel 7:14 (NLT)

*14 He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world,
so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him.*

His rule is eternal—it will never end... His kingdom will never be destroyed.

Isaiah is not just announcing the birth of a child

HE IS ANNOUNCING A TRANSFER OF ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

Isaiah is Declaring That Christ Carries Legal Authority, *Not Symbolic Power*

John 19:10-11 (NLT)

10 “Why don't you talk to me?” Pilate demanded. “Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?”

11 Then Jesus said, “You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above.

So, As We Continue To Pray For Our Government ~ Parties Continue To Fight For Political Power

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Tonight, We Will Focus On A Government Designed To Reflect Heaven On Earth

Introduction

Notice What Isaiah Says...

The Government Shall Be On His Shoulders....

The shoulder symbolized

Responsibility ~ Administrative Control ~ Governing Power

The Kingdom Government Is Unshakable and Responsible

Hebrews 12:28 (NLT)

*28 Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable,
let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.*

Why Should We Be Thankful

Because The King takes governmental responsibility for the welfare of His Citizens

We Must Understand 3 Key Aspects of Kingdom Government

- 1) The System ~ How It Functions*
- 2) The Standard ~ How We Live*
- 3) The Supply ~ How The Agenda Is Funded*

#1 ~ Kingdom Government Is A System of Structure

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

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

The System Begins With Structure

Notice The Structure of Supply and Demand

Seek ~ Demand To Pursue ~ First ~ Demand For Priority ~ Added ~ Supply Is Released

When we hear “supply and demand”, we think economics....

Markets rise when demand increases. Supply responds to the Demand...

The Market responds to what people want and adjusts accordingly

In Earthly systems, demand is driven by the desire of the consumer...

In the Kingdom, demand is driven by priority and pursuit of the citizen

THE KINGDOM DOES NOT RESPOND TO PANIC ~ IT RESPONDS TO PRIORITY/PURSUIT

Psalms 34:10 (ESV)

10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

The Supply Follows Spiritual Demands

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The Demand For Priority

Seeking The Kingdom first means that every major decision: Financial, Relational, Vocational
Is Filtered Through The Question:
Does This Serve The King's Agenda or My Own

When The Supply Is Absent ~ The First Examination Should Be **PRIORITIES**

Many People Claim **Kingdom Priority In Words** But Demonstrate Personal Priority In Choices

Check Your Apps To See How Much Time You Spend On Kingdom Agenda

Check Your Calander To See How Much Time You Spend On Kingdom Agenda

Check Your Bank Statement To See How Much Money You Spend On Kingdom Agenda

THE KING DEMANDS PRIORITY ~ THEN HE ADDS SUPPLY

Many Believers Want God's Assistance Without Prioritizing The Kingdom

We Are Praying, But Fail To Prioritize His Agenda

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Biblical Illustration

Matthew 4:18-20 (NLT)

18 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—*Simon, also called Peter*, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for *they fished for a living*.

19 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

20 *And they left their nets at once and followed him.*

Matthew 17:24-27 (NLT)

24 On their arrival in Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter and asked him, “*Doesn’t your teacher pay the Temple tax?*” 25 “Yes, he does,” Peter replied. Then he went into the house.

But before he had a chance to speak, Jesus asked him, “What do you think, Peter?

Do kings tax their own people or the people they have conquered?”

26 “*They tax the people they have conquered,*” Peter replied. “Well, then,” Jesus said, “*THE CITIZENS ARE FREE! 27 HOWEVER, WE DON’T WANT TO OFFEND THEM,* so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. *TAKE IT AND PAY THE TAX FOR BOTH OF US.*”

Luke 4:38-39 (NLT)

38 After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon’s home,

where he found Simon’s mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. “Please heal her,” everyone begged.

39 *Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her.* And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.

THE KINGDOM HAS BEST TAX SYSTEM AND HEALTH CARE

#2 ~ Kingdom Government Has A Standard

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, **AND LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY**,
and he will give you everything you need.

*Every Government Operates By **Laws** ~ The Kingdom Operates By **Principles***

These Standards Are The Constitution Of The Kingdom ~ God Set A Standard For Us To Live Like Him

We Lower The Standards To Get People To Like Us ~ We Lower The Standards To Fit In

*The King does not only Require Church Attendance, Religious Participation, and Doctrinal Agreement
He Demands Righteousness {IN RIGHT STANDING/IN RIGHT ALIGNMENT WITH GOD}*

Romans 14:17-18 (NIV)

17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

18 **because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.**

Translation ~ WHO CAN'T LIVE ANY KIND OF LIFE AND CLAIM KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP

*In Order to Represent The King and Receive Abundantly From The King
We Must Live Righteously For The King*

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Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear:
sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling,
jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,
21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before,
THAT ANYONE LIVING THAT SORT OF LIFE WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Ephesians 5:5 (NIV)

5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater—
HAS ANY INHERITANCE IN THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST AND OF GOD.

Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' **WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**,
but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

#3 ~ Kingdom Government Will Supply

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

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AND HE WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED.*

*God Funds What Advances His Agenda
Government Provides Resources To Fulfill Their Agenda*

*The System Is Not Built For Personal Luxury But For Kingdom Advancement
God Gives Kingdom Resources To Those Who Prove To Be Kingdom Responsible*

*The Distribution Of Kingdom Funds Are For Kingdom Assignments
Supply and Purpose Are Always Connected*

*Christianity Has Reduced God To Being Just A Generous Father
This is True But It Is Incomplete...*

*Every Resource That Is Given Flows From His Governmental Intention
The Provision Is Not Simply A Generous Gift To Be Enjoyed
It Is An Instrument For Kingdom Advancement*

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There Is A Distinction Between Need-Meeting and Purpose Funding

The King Takes Responsibility For The Basic Welfare of His Citizens

Fundamental Requirements For Human Existence ~ “Food, Clothing, Shelter, Health”

Matthew 6:25 (NLT)

25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?”

Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT)

*31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’
32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.*

He Takes Care Of These Basic Needs, Simply Because You Are A Kingdom Citizen

The Reason He Takes Care Of These Necessities... Is So You Can Fulfill Your Divine Purpose

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There Is A Distinction Between Need-Meeting and Purpose Funding

*Beyond The Basics, The King Releases Resources Specifically For Kingdom Assignments
This Is Provision At A Different Level*

Example ~ The Children Of Israel Came Through The Wilderness

Deuteronomy 29:5-6 (NIV)

5 During the forty years that I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet. 6 You ate no bread and drank no wine or other fermented drink. I did this so that you might know that I am the Lord your God.

Example ~ God Provides Abundance For The Assignment

Exodus 36:5-7 (NASB)

5 and they said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for the construction work which the Lord commanded us to perform." 6 So Moses issued a command, and a proclamation was circulated throughout the camp, saying, "Let no man or woman any longer perform work for the contributions of the sanctuary."

Thus the people were restrained from bringing any more.

*7 For the material they had was sufficient and **MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ALL THE WORK**, to perform it.*

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When You Are On Assignment, God Provides

1 Kings 17:1-6 (NLT)

1 Now Elijah, who was from Tishbe in Gilead, told King Ahab, “As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!”

2 Then the Lord said to Elijah,

3 “Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River.

4 Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food.”

5 So Elijah did as the Lord told him and camped beside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan.

6 The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook.

The Brook Dries Up ~ So That He Can Transition To The Next Assignment

1 Kings 17:7-9 (NLT)

7 But after a while the brook dried up, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land.

8 Then the Lord said to Elijah, 9 “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED A WIDOW THERE TO FEED YOU.”

*The Provisions Were From The Source But Did Not Look Similar
God’s Provisions May Come From Unusual Sources In Each Season
Stop Expecting Permanent Supply From Seasonal Sources*

#3 ~ Kingdom Government Will Supply Citizens Live With A Consciousness Of Kingdom Supply

1 Chronicles 17:1-4 (NLT)

1 When David was settled in his palace, he summoned Nathan the prophet. “Look,” David said, “I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant is out there under a tent!”
3 But that same night God said to Nathan, 4 “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord has declared:
You are not the one to build a house for me to live in.’

David’s Response ~ Although This Is Not My Assignment To Build ~ It Is My Assignment To Fund

1 Chronicles 28:2-3 (NLT)

2 David rose to his feet and said: “My brothers and my people! It was my desire to build a temple where the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant, God’s footstool, could rest permanently. I made the necessary preparations for building it,
3 but God said to me, ‘You must not build a temple to honor my name, for you are a warrior and have shed much blood.’

1 Chronicles 29:1-5 (NLT)

1 Then King David turned to the entire assembly and said, “My son Solomon, whom God has clearly chosen as the next king of Israel, is still young and inexperienced. The work ahead of him is enormous, for the Temple **he will build is not for mere mortals—it is for the Lord God himself!** 2 Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. 3 “And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. 4 I am donating more than 112 tons of gold from Ophir and 262 tons of refined silver to be used for overlaying the walls of the buildings
5 and for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen.
Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the Lord today?”

In Conclusion....

Keys To Understanding Kingdom Government

#1 ~ Kingdom Government Is A System of Structure

#2 ~ Kingdom Government Has A Standard

#3 ~ Kingdom Government Will Supply