

BREAKING BROKE PT 11

THE SECRET OF ADDITION

Matthew 6:25-33 - ²⁵ “Therefore I say to you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ **Which of you by worrying** can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁸ “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; ²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? ³¹ “**Therefore, do not worry**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after **all these things the Gentiles seek**. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But **SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ **Therefore do not worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

INTRODUCTION: THE PROBLEM IS NOT PROVISION

Church, everything we've been dealing with in this *Breaking Broke* series comes to a head right here.

Jesus does not start this passage by talking about money. He starts by talking about worry.

Worry is not just an emotional issue - Worry is a governmental issue.

Jesus addresses anxiety around food, clothing, and daily needs **because those anxieties reveal which system a person is living under.** He makes it clear that worry never produces addition. It cannot add peace. It cannot add length to life. It cannot add provision.

Paul echoes this same principal years later when he instructs the Church **to be anxious for nothing, tying anxiety directly to prayer, alignment, and trust in God's rule.**

Anxiety is evidence that we are trying to supply ourselves outside of God's government.

Transition - What I am trying to teach you today is that there is a...

THE WAR OF PURSUIT

Jesus frames life as a pursuit issue. Everyone is seeking something.

- He identifies “things” as the object of misplaced pursuit and contrasts that with seeking the Kingdom.
- **The Kingdom only has one rival = Things!**

What is a good definition of The Kingdom of God...

The Kingdom of God is the active rule of God governing every area of life by Heaven’s authority.

The issue is not whether we seek, but **what we seek first. Seeking requires energy. Focus. Intention. Direction.**

Jesus is clear: **When things become the pursuit, they eventually become the master and masters always demand more than they give.**

- **What you pursue for security will eventually rule you. Things make terrible gods but excellent servants.**

Transition - if pursuit determines what governs us, then the issue is not what we own, but what owns our attention.

MISPLACED ENERGY CREATES EXHAUSTION = ***Why People Are Worn Out***

Matthew 6:33 - ³³ But **SEEK FIRST** THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, and all these things shall be added to you.

Seek First: The Grammar Matters - The verb “SEEK” is: **ζητεῖτε (zēteite)**

- Present active imperative
- Continuous action, Ongoing pursuit, A lifestyle, not a moment
- **Jesus does not rebuke effort – He rebukes misdirected effort.**
- **People are exhausted because they are expending KINGDOM-LEVEL ENERGY on THING-LEVEL PURSUITS.**
- Chasing provision drains marriages, fractures families, and erodes integrity.

The command to “seek” is not passive. It implies exertion. But Jesus redirects that exertion toward the Kingdom, not toward survival.

The Greek Word Behind “First” - The word translated “FIRST” is the Greek word: **πρῶτον (PRŌTON)** from **πρῶτος (prōtos)**

This word does not merely mean first in a list. It carries the idea of:

- First in rank
- First in priority
- First in authority
- That which governs everything that follows

First does not mean BEFORE everything else; it means ABOVE everything else.

What Is a “PROTON” Scientifically? In modern scientific language, a proton is:

- A positively charged subatomic particle. Located in the nucleus of an atom. One of the primary determinants of an element's identity

Change the number of protons, and you change the element itself.

The proton defines what something is - its identity

Why Scientists Named It “Proton”- Early atomic theory recognized something crucial:

- Electrons move.
- Neutrons stabilize.
- Protons determine.

What is first determines what everything else becomes.

Just as:

- Electrons orbit what the nucleus governs,
- And chemistry flows from proton count,

So, life organizes itself around whatever holds first place. Change the “first,” and you do not just change outcomes. You change identity.

WHAT YOU SEEK FIRST DOES NOT JUST SHAPE YOUR LIFE. IT DEFINES WHAT YOU ARE BECOMING.

- Jesus was not offering spiritual advice. He was revealing the **governing principle of order.**

What Does a Proton Do? - In very basic terms, a proton does three big things:

1. IT GIVES THE ATOM ITS IDENTITY - The proton count is like the atom's name and ID card.

2. IT HELPS HOLD THE ATOM TOGETHER - Protons pull negatively charged electrons toward the center, keeping the atom from flying apart.

3. IT HELPS DECIDE HOW ATOMS INTERACT - Because protons affect how electrons behave, they influence how atoms bond, react, and form everything we see.

- **Atoms are the basic building blocks of all ordinary matter.**

What God adds sustains you - What you chase drains you.

Transition - Once Jesus redirects our energy / focus, He reveals *why* the Kingdom functions differently from every other system. This is why Jesus...

JESUS PREACHED A KINGDOM, NOT A RELIGION

Why Everything Flows from Government

Matthew 4:17 - From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for **the kingdom** of heaven is at hand.”

From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus announced one message. Not moral reform. Not ritual observance. Not religious improvement. He announced a Kingdom.

- **Everything else flowed from that announcement.**
- Healing was a Kingdom manifestation. Authority was Kingdom enforcement.
- Provision was Kingdom supply.

Early church fathers understood this clearly. Augustine described the Kingdom as the divine ordering of life under God's rule. Origen taught that the Kingdom restructures both the inner life and the outer world.

Transition – Why did Jesus have one message...Well Matthew 13 holds the clue...

THE KINGDOM HAS SECRETS

After Jesus announces the Kingdom and begins demonstrating its power, He does something that deeply confuses His own disciples. He begins teaching the crowds in parables.

- One parable in particular stops the disciples in their tracks.
- It's the parable of the sower.

At first glance, it sounds simple. A farmer scatters seed. Some grows. Some doesn't. But the disciples sense there

is something deeper happening here. They realize Jesus is not just telling stories. He is **revealing how the Kingdom works**. So, they pull Him aside and ask a question that exposes the tension:

- Why are You speaking to them like this?
- Why not be clear?
- Why not be direct?
- Why not explain it plainly?

Jesus' answer is shocking...

Matthew 13:10-12 - ¹⁰And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” ¹¹He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries (**SECRETS**) of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For whoever has (**the SECRETS**), to him more will be given (**SECRETS**), and he will have abundance (**of SECRETS**); but whoever does not have (**the SECRETS**), even what he has will be taken away from him.

In the Kingdom, increase is not automatic. It is responsive.

- When someone receives Kingdom truth and lives it, God releases more understanding, more authority, and more access. Revelation builds upon revelation.

- When someone hears Kingdom truth and ignores it, dismisses it, or refuses to align with it, clarity diminishes. Even what they once understood begins to fade.

This is why Jesus explains the parable of the sower the way He does. The seed is the same in every case.

- The difference is never the seed - The difference is always the soil.
 - The soil represents the condition of the heart and the posture of the life.
1. Some hear Kingdom truth and never understand it. **The enemy removes it quickly.**
 2. Some **respond** emotionally but never allow depth. **Pressure exposes shallow roots.**
 3. Some understand but allow **the cares of life**, anxiety, and **the pursuit of things to choke obedience.**
 4. And then there is good soil. **Good soil hears, understands, and produces fruit.**

Increase is not the result of excitement. Increase is the evidence of understanding practiced.

This is why this parable belongs in the middle of this sermon. Because it explains why two people can hear

the same message about the Kingdom and experience completely different outcomes.

- One increases. One stagnates. One loses ground.
- Not because God is unfair. Not because the seed is flawed. But because **secrets must be stewarded.**

Transition – Now with these foundations in mind lets go back to Matthew 6:33 and really understand what the Kingdom is and how it works...

Matthew 6:33 - ³³ But SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, and all these things shall be added to you.

- **If the Kingdom is a government, then it must operate by law. And law determines access.**

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS KINGDOM LAW = *Alignment Is the Key to Access*

- Righteousness is not merely moral standing. It is **legal positioning** within a government.

In Greek thought, righteousness carries the idea of straightness, conformity, and proper alignment to a

standard. It is living according to the rules of the governing authority.

- Every nation works this way. Citizenship does not exempt you from law. Love for the country does not cancel consequences.
- The Kingdom is no different. You can understand Kingdom principles and still experience loss if righteousness is ignored.

GRACE RESTORES POSITION - RIGHTEOUSNESS MAINTAINS ACCESS.

- Irenaeus taught that righteousness restores humanity to proper order under God's rule.
- Tertullian described righteousness as life lived according to the laws of the heavenly commonwealth.

Transition - Intention does not override alignment. Citizenship does not cancel consequence. Once righteousness is understood as alignment, the mystery of addition becomes clear.

KINGDOM AUTHORITY RELEASES WHAT HUMAN EFFORT CANNOT

Why Righteousness Accelerates Increase - The Kingdom operates on authority, not grind.

- Righteousness positions you under authority, and authority accomplishes in moments what effort cannot accomplish in years.
- Favor is not random. It flows toward alignment.
- When righteousness governs your life, access opens that others strain for and never reach.

God's supply is never the issue. Heaven is not limited. The problem is always access.

TRANSITION - God does not stop the flow. Misalignment blocks it. Revelation without obedience never multiplies.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SECRET OF ADDITION

If you maintain right positioning with the government (Righteousness), the government is obligated to add everything you need to your life

1. **THE POWER OF THE SCEPTER** - In a Kingdom, you don't live by your own effort alone; you live by the authority of the King. Righteousness is the legal key that moves the King's hand.

Hebrews 1:8 (NKJV) — "But to the Son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.'"

- **The Instrument of Authority:** A scepter is not just a decoration; it is the instrument of a King's authority. When a King points his scepter at you, his word becomes law on your behalf.
 - **Authority vs. Work:** Understand this revelation—**Authority is better than work.** Hard labor can take you ten years to achieve what one act of Kingdom authority can cancel or provide in two minutes.
 - **The Access of Alignment:** Righteousness gives you access to the King's favor. When you are lined up with God, He points His favor toward you, granting you access to rooms and resources that others are blocked from entering.
2. **SPIRITUAL MATURITY** - We must move beyond the basic "milk" of religion and understand the mechanics of Kingdom flow. If the blessings aren't reaching you, the problem isn't the Source; it's the connection.

Hebrews 5:12-13 (NKJV) 12 "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For

everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe."

- **"Unskilled" (or Unacquainted):** The Greek word used here implies a lack of experience. It means you haven't learned how to *use* the laws of the Kingdom to get results.
- **The "Babe" Stage:** A baby doesn't understand how a government works; they just cry when they want something.
- **Infant Christians cry for "things," but "mature" Christians understand the Word of Righteousness**—which is the legal alignment that makes the King's scepter move.
- **Solid Food:** This is the "Solid Food Knowledge" mentioned in the notes. It is the ability to move past basic rituals and actually master the laws of Kingdom priority.

3. DIVINE PROTECTION AND PROSPERITY - When you are in right-standing (righteousness), you are no longer a victim of the world's economy. You are under a different system!

Psalm 5:12 (NKJV) — "For You, O Lord, will bless *the righteous*; With favor You will surround him as with a shield."

- **The Shield of Favor:** When you are righteous, you are protected from the system's shortages.
- Just as the locusts hit Egypt but were forbidden from touching the farms of the Israelites, God's favor acts as a barrier between you and the "pink slips" of the world.

Psalm 34:19-20 (NKJV) — *"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken."*

- **The Total Delivery:** The righteous may face many troubles, but the promise is total delivery from *all* of them. God even protects your "bones"—the very frame and support system of your life.
- **The Harvest of the Righteous:** Misfortune pursues the sinner, but prosperity is the legal reward for those who stay in alignment with the King.

4. **THE PROMISE OF ADDITION**

Jesus didn't say we couldn't have "things"; He said we shouldn't *chase* them. In the Kingdom, things chase you.

Luke 18:28-30 (NKJV) — *"Then Peter said, 'See, we have left all and followed You.' So, He said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents*

or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

- **Added vs. Earned:** This is the Kingdom secret—if you had to work for it, it wasn't an "added" thing. Addition is the supernatural result of priority.
- **Global Impact:** God doesn't just want to bless you for your own sake; He wants to make you a blessing to the nations. He gives you "more" so you can represent His Government better.
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Isaiah 28:16-17 (NKJV) — *"Therefore thus says the Lord God: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. Also, I will make justice the measuring line, **And righteousness the plumbline...**'"*

- **The Measure of Straightness:** God uses righteousness as the "plumb line." Being saved or speaking in tongues does not exempt you from the need to be straight. You must stay on the "plumb line" of righteousness to stay under the flow of the scepter.

Leave the pressure of the world's system today. Enter the joy of the Kingdom. Clean your pipe, get back into alignment, and watch God add to you what you used to sweat for.