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## Are You Seeking First the Kingdom of God?

You can say all you want to that you are seeking first for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. You can quote it, sing it, teach it, but you can't *do it* unless you *really are*, and if you say you are, then you are a liar and the truth is not in you.

What is the context that our Master said this in? Mt 6:31-33 — One must believe in the One who said it to be able to do it. Jn 3:16 — Are you a believer in Him? The way you know that you believe is Acts 2:44-45. After you have heard the many other words of the gospel of the Kingdom (Acts 2:40), you can be cut to the heart but still not *respond* to the many other words. Only those who *do* can be baptized into Messiah's Body by receiving the Holy Spirit.

As Jn 2:23-25 shows, you can *say* you do believe, but unless you are one who actually *believes*, you can't live the only way one must live to be able to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, or you will simply end up like all the rest of humanity in Mt 6:31-32.

No one can do Mt 6:33 unless he is saved from the wicked and perverse generation, the abnormal society that seeks first for their own little kingdom, which prohibits them from seeking for His righteousness. Look at Abraham (Gen 15:6). He left all to come to the place where God led him, and in this place he could seek first for His kingdom to come (Jn 8:39; Heb 11:8-10,13-16).

It takes a separate community as in Acts 2:36-47 and 4:32-37 to be exiled from the decadent world and seek a Kingdom to come.

So how do you seek first for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness if you don't live a holy (set-apart) life from this world, as Abraham did? (Gen 12)

Let me warn you of what our Master told the Jews in Jn 8:39-47, which is your fate also. Don't lie and say that you are seeking first and foremost His kingdom, above what the Gentiles seek first for, so as to be a light of salvation to them (Mt 5:14-16). If

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you really were, your life would show them that there is no way that any who live the same lifestyle as the Gentiles live can seek first for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. They are compelled to seek first for their *own necessities of life*, for their own "four and no more." They have no way even to understand Eph 2:10 and 4:16. By working their own job, supporting their own family, hardly able to give ten percent of their gross earnings, and being under the Law even to do that.

So what does Mt 6:33 say? "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness *AND* all these things will be added to you..." All what things? What is the context? Who does what verse 31 says? The unsaved Gentiles! But our Father knows His sons need these things, so the only way one of His sons will get these necessities is the way one who is saved from the world, from living like the Gentiles, can get them.

"Well," you say, "if anyone did Lk 14:33 he would starve to death." Well, there you go, exposing your unbelief, and maybe your cowardice (Rev 21:6-8). But now that you know what our Master meant, you have an opportunity to be saved. But remember 1 Jn 2:4? And how did He walk? (1 Jn 2:6; Mt 6:25-34).

Come and see us who are doing it. And see our Freepaper called *The Stirring of the Heart*.

So tell the truth, are you of the truth? (Jn 18:37)

Then tell me, what are you seeking first for? Come on, admit it! Be honest. Be "of the truth" — only if you are of the truth can you hear His voice (Jn 10:14,27).

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