

God has More

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1. God has more for us than what we are presently receiving
 - a. We live below our privileges
 - b. We are the Children of God, but many times, we live like we have no privileges at all
2. Our relationship with God requires activity and action on our part
 - a. We cannot be Passive (inactive, inert, reactive, or submissive) if we want victory
 - b. We must be active, even aggressive as we pursue this relationship with God.
 - i. “Seek ye first” is a phrase that declares action on our part before “all things are added.”
 - ii. We see in Deuteronomy 28 that God responds to certain actions on our part
 - 1) Note the action required in Deuteronomy
 - a) In v1...We are to hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord our God,
 - b) In v1...We are to observe all His commandments which He commands us to do
 - c) In v1...We are to do all His commandments which He commands us to do
 - d) In v2, we are to hearken unto the voice of the Lord our God.
 - e) In v9, we are to keep the commandments of the Lord our God
 - f) In v9, we are to walk in God’s ways
 - g) In vs 13-14, we are to hearken, pay attention, obey, refusing to stray or go aside from the commandments, directions of the Lord our God which He commands, directs us this day to do and observe, refusing to go to the right hand or to the left, but actively pursue the will of God for our lives
 - ii. When we set our hearts to follow God, then God responds by blessings us
 - a) By setting us on high above others, so they can see the glory of God in our lives

Note: God wanted to bless the Children of Israel in such a way that the other nations would desire to worship the same God they worshipped and I believe that God wants to set His favor upon you and I, here at Bald Knob, so others can see what God is doing and desire to worship our God

- i. God desires for us to seek Him so He can set us free, so we can be free, free indeed
- ii. God desires for us to pursue Him, so He can deliver us from the entanglements of life which keep us in bondage
- iii. God desires for us to pursue Him, so He can sanctify us set us apart for His use and His service as His chosen vessel
- iv. God desires for us to chase after Him, so He can fill us with the Holy Spirit, so we can be a witness in a dark and dying world
- v. God desires for us to live in obedience to Him, so we can be so full of the Holy Ghost that He can work the Gifts of the Spirit through you and me for His glory
- vi. God wanted Israel to follow Him so He could bless them in a way that they would be salt and light in a dark world, and God has that same desire for you and I that we will have so much of Him in us that we work as salt to preserve those around us, and so that we will shine like a city that is set on a hill so others can find their way to the Cross of Calvary

b) Therefore, those who Follow God are blessed coming and going out, in the field and in the county, in their business and in their savings, as well as in their investments

Note: Stocks may fall and gas and interest may rise, but those who pursue the Lord are like trees planted by the irrigation ditches who leaves do not fail, who do not wither because of the drought, but we find the nourishment we need from the blessings of God upon our lives.

c) When we pursue God, He responds by making us the head and not the tail, raising us to be above only and not beneath

3. Do not forget that there will be battles, for satan desires to destroy us

a. 1 Peter 5:8...

Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walked about seeking whom he may devour:

b. Luke 22:31-32...satan desires to have us so he can sift us, but Jesus has prayed for us

c. John 17:15-16, 20...Jesus prays that we would be kept from evil

d. Therefore, we determine that we will not fall

i. Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

ii. 1 Corinthians 16:13...Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

iii. 1 Thessalonians 5:6...

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

e. We learn to be patient as we wait for the Lord's response to our faithfulness, because according to Jesus in Luke 21:19...In your patience possess ye your souls.

f. Let me encourage you again to

i. Be patient unto the coming of the Lord...in the rapture, for He is coming

ii. Be patient unto the coming of the Lord...Into your situation, for He will arrive

iii. Be patient unto the coming of the Lord...For your victory in obeying God, for He is Here

iv. Be patient unto the coming of the Lord...

In response to your obedience to bring His promises upon you, for He will not delay

4. In our pursuit of God as found in 1 Peter 5:5-9

a. We submit to the elders, or those placed in authority

b. We are subject one to another, and

c. We robe ourselves with humility:...Because

God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

d. We humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God...

So God may exalt you in due time:

e. We cast all our care upon him; for he careth for us

f. We remain sober and vigilant, because we know that our adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, is continually walking about, seeking how he may devour us

g. We resist the devil stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions, the same tests, the same trials, the same temptations are happening to all God's children in this world

5. Therefore, let us lay hold of God's Word in faith and begin to crave more of God in our lives,

- a. So God's glory will be manifested through us and around us,
- b. So God can respond with blessings in this world and in the world to come

6. Let us cry out like Moses did in Exodus 33:18..."Show me thy glory."

- a. O God, I die out to this world so I can see Your Glory
- b. O God, be it unto me according to thy word so I can see Your Glory

7. Back to our text in Matthew 6:33

- a. KJV

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- b. AMP...

But first *and* most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

8. Do not forget these Scripture as you pursue Your God

- a. Isaiah 49:24-25

24) Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25) But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

- b. Psalms 103:17-18

- i. KJV

17) But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; 18) To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

- ii. NLT

17) But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children 18) Of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

- c. 1 John 4:4...Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

d. Zechariah 4:6 God told Zerubbabbel that it is

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts,”

Note: It is God’s Holy Spirit that enables us to keep God’s Word, to do what God wants, to know what God wants..

Note: God does not give us “Carte Blanche” (blank check) to do as we please, but God expects certain things out of those who are going to be called by His name.

9. Now let us continue with our lesson for “More”

B. Isaiah 44

1. v1...God has chosen us

a. God came to the mudhole of life where we were living, and He chose us

b. God found us in the depth of sin, in the gutter of life, and God chose us

2. v2...God made you...formed you, and God says to you whom He has chosen “fear not”

a. We know from Scriptures that God knew us when we were conceived

b. God made us and formed us, and each one of us is in the image and likeness of God

c. God chose us where we were with all of our hang-ups, addictions, habits, attitudes, etc, and is working to mold us into His image

d. God knew what we would do when He chose us, yet He chose us anyway, and in these Scriptures, God is telling us that to not be afraid, for He has not chose us to lose us, or to let us go under

3. In v3, God tells us how to go from where we are to “More”

a. God wants people who desire him, who “thirst” for Him, and if we “thirst” for “More” of God, then God

i. Will pour water (the Holy Spirit) upon him that is thirsty,

ii. Will send floods (refreshing of His Spirit) upon the dry ground, the hearts, lives, who are at a standstill, marking time, waiting for the rapture, doing maintenance

iii. Will pour His Spirit upon your seed (children)

iv. Will pour His Spirit on your offspring (grandchildren)

v. Will cause our children and grandchildren to spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses. (v4)

vi. Will so touch our children and grandchildren that they will become extremely zealous for the Lord (v5)

b. Look at v3-5 in the CE

3) I will bless the thirsty land by sending streams of water; I will bless your descendants by giving them my Spirit. 4) They will spring up like grass or like willow trees near flowing streams. 5) They will worship me and become my people. They will write my name on the back of their hands.

i. Psalms 1:1-3 has some of the same reference

1) The person who refuses

a) To continue to walk in the counsel of the ungodly,

b) To continue to stand in the way of sinners,

c) To continue to sit in the seat of the scornful.

2) The person

a) Whose delight is in the law of the Lord;

b) Who meditates day and night on the law of the Lord

3) These persons

a) Shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,

b) Shall continue to bring forth their fruit in their season;

c) Leaves shall not wither; and

d) Shall prosper in whatever he continues to do, for what he does will be in accordance to God's will as long as he does verses 1 and 2

Note: We may have been one who at one time walk in the counsel of the ungodly, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of the scornful, but because of the work of Christ in our hearts, we are no longer that person.

ii. Jeremiah 17:7-8

- 1) Blessed is the man
 - a) That continues to trust in the Lord, and
 - b) Whose hope the Lord is.
- 2) This man shall be
 - a) Like a tree planted by the waters, and
 - b) Like a tree that continues to spread its roots by the river, and
 - c) Like a tree that shall not see when heat cometh because it is planted by the waters
 - d) Like a tree whose leaves shall be green because it is planted by the waters
 - e) Like a tree that shall not be careful in the year of drought because it is planted by the waters
 - f) Like a tree that continues to be fruitful because it is planted by the waters

Note: So it is good to continue to trust in the Lord, to continue to hope in the Lord, to continue to thirst after God, to continue to walk the way the world walks

4. Let us look at verses 6-8 in Isaiah 44

- a. Let us understand who God is in v6
 - i. He is Lord the King of Israel, and
 - ii. He is Israel's redeemer the Lord of hosts;
 - iii. He is the first, and the last;
 - iv. He is the Alpha and Omega
 - v. He is Our Lord and Savior
 - vi. He is our Redeemer
 - vii. He is our Healer
 - viii. He is our Provider
 - ix. He is our Friend who will stick closer than a brother

- x. The Father is our Adopted Father so we can say My own dear Father
 - xi. Jesus is our Elder Brother
 - xii. He is our Holy Ghost Baptizer
 - xiii. He is the One who walks beside me and dwells in me
 - xiv. He is the only God, and there is no God beside Him
- b. God has set things in order, He has declared them to be, He has promised us His promises, and they will be fulfilled.
 - c. Since God is God, let us not be afraid for God has declared what will happen when we are obedient to His Word

Note: Stop and give praise for the blessed promises of God which are being fulfilled even now, while we worship Him

III. Leviticus 26:1-13

Note: I was reading here Friday, when The Lord spoke to me concerning this Word today.

- A. In v1, what we are not to do
 - 1. We are to not have any other gods before our God
 - 2. We are not to honor anything before our God
- B. In v2-3, we are told what to do
 - 1. Keep the Lord's day (Sabbaths) for He is the Lord
 - 2. Reverence God's sanctuary for He is the Lord
 - 3. Walk in God's Word
- C. The result of thirsting, longing, desiring for God, putting God first is seen in verses 4-13
 - 1. God will give us rain in due season, and our work, business will produce
 - 2. We will be so blessed
 - a. That our increase will be so abundant, that we will not know what to do with it
 - b. That we will eat and be satisfied,

- c. That we will live in safety
 - d. We will chase your enemies (demonic spirits), and they shall fall before us by the sword of the Lord which is the Word of God.
 - e. That five of us in agreement shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of us in agreement shall put ten thousand to flight: and our enemies shall fall before us by the sword of the Lord which is the Word of God.
 - f. That God will favor us, making us fruitful, multiplying us, and He will establish His covenant with us
 - g. That there will be an abundance of God's presence and blessings spiritually and physically
 - h. That God will make us His temple, dwelling in our hearts
 - i. That God will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.
- D. It is our Lord who has brought us out of sin
- 1. So we can be free and free indeed instead of being subject to addictions and bondages
 - 2. So we can have the bondage of sin broken in our lives
 - 3. So we can walk with Christ filled with the Spirit of God

Conclusion

- 1. A lot of times people look at the Old Testament, and say We are no longer under the law
 - a. We need to understand though, that God's law was beneficial for the health and wealth of His people
 - b. We need to understand that the principles behind those laws are still the same
 - c. We need to understand that these laws were about a covenant relationship between God and His people, and God desiring to bless his people would do so if they lived in that covenant relationship
 - d. This same principle of covenant relationship is still valid today, and if we will live with our focus on God to please Him, to Love Him, to desire More of Him, then God will bless us according to the promises in His Word
- 2. We may look at this and say,

- a. I have done wrong which is why things do not go well in my life
 - b. I have been rebellious, and that is why things have not gone well
 - c. If I could do my life over, then I would be more committed so my family could be blessed
3. Do not beat yourself up, for God has devised a plan that we can be blessed
- a. The workmen in the field in Jesus' parable got paid the same for one hour's work as those who worked all day
 - b. Whenever we come to the place to begin to thirst for God, then God puts into motion the blessings that are ours, His children, His heirs, co-heirs with Christ

4. Let us look at 2 Chronicles 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.

- a. Recognize that we have sinned, rebelled, refused to do right
- b. Humble ourselves
- c. Pray
- d. Seek God's face
- e. Turn from our sins, our rebellions, our stubbornness, from the pursuit of our own way
- f. Then God will hear from heaven
- g. Then God will forgive our sin
- h. Then God will heal our land
 - i. Save our children
 - ii. Make whole our relationships
 - iii. Heal our finances and our bodies
 - iv. Make right our attitudes
 - v. Restore the joy of our salvation

vi. Give us peace which will result in happiness

5. Are you ready for “More”