

God has More
Part 2
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 then 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 say in Deuteronomy 28 that God responds to certain actions on our part
 - 1) In v1, let us look at our action then see God’s response
 - a) Our action is to hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day,
 - b) God responds to our action by setting us on high above all nations of the earth:
 - 2) Look at the wording in verse 2
 - a) Our action is to hearken unto the voice of the Lord our God.
 - b) God responds by causing all the positive blessings in v3-8 to come on us, and overtake us

Note: Let me pose some questions

- i. First, do you want more? Or are you afraid of More, afraid of what God may want?
- ii. Second, what is God asking of you?
 - 1) Some of us have been in the altar because we felt God wanted us to do certain things.
 - 2) Some of you have said that God wants you to quit some things.

3) Others feel that God wants them to start doing some things.

Note: Now listen. If God has told us something, then if we want the blessings to overtake us, and we want the blessings coming our way, we must hearken, do what we know God wants us to do, then God will do what God said He would do.

3) Now notice v9.

a) Again, Our action is to keep the commandments of the Lord our God and walk in His ways

b) God responds by establishing us as an holy people unto himself, as he has sworn unto us, and all the blessings of verses 10-12 are a part of this response

4) Now look at verses 13-14

a) Our action is 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 pursuing the will of God for our lives

b) God responds by making us the head and not the tail, raising us to be above only and not beneath

3. In our active pursuit of God we need to understand

a. That satan will try to discourage, dishearten, disappoint us to the point that we will fail

i. 1 Peter 5:8...

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

ii. Luke 22:31-32

a. KJV

31) And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32) But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

b. AMP

31) "Simon, Simon (Peter), listen! Satan has demanded *permission* to sift [all of] you like grain; 32) but I have prayed [especially] for you [Peter], that your faith [and confidence in Me] may not fail; and you, once you have turned back again [to Me], strengthen *and* support your brothers [in the faith].

b. Our enemy, satan desires to sift you and me, but Jesus has prayed for us, and we pray for each other understanding that satan desires to destroy our faith and us

i. John 17:15-16, 20

15) I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world....20) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

ii. We have to take responsibility for ourselves and be active in Prayer and action to receive the “More” God has for us, because our enemy does not want us to do or receive anything more than what we have

a) Matthew 26:41

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

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

c) 1 Thessalonians 5:6...

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

c. We must learn to be patient as we wait for the Lord’s response to our faithfulness

i. Luke 21:19...In your patience possess ye your souls.

ii. Patience is endurance, staying power, tolerance, lack of complaint, persistence

iii. Romans 5:3

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

iv. Romans 8:25...But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

v. Now, let us look at James 1

3) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5) Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

1) Then in verses 6 and 7, James refers to the patience of the prophets and Job, how they endure waiting for the promises of God to be fulfilled in their lives

2) In verse 5, I want to say

- a. It is time for us to say like Moses in Exodus 33:18...”Show me thy glory.”
 - b. To see God’s Glory, we die out to this world, for it is dead men who see the glory of God
 - c. To see God’s Glory requires us to say like Mary in Luke 1
Behold the handmaid (servant) of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word
6. Are you ready to embrace the “More” God has for “You”
- a. In faith see the promises of God afar off and embrace them, praising God for them
 - b. In faith be persuaded of those promises praising God for them
 - c. In faith live in the promises and hope of God in this life praising and glorying God for them
 - d. In Faith confess the promises and hope you have in God, which will show that you are a strangers and pilgrims on this earth.
 - e. In faith declare that you are seeking promises that are not of this world, but are promises from another country which will be brought into your life by the king of that country
 - g. In faith refuse to be reminded of where you came from lest you desire to go back
 - h. In faith desire a better life and a better country, an heavenly life in this world and a heavenly country to come
 - i. In faith declare to God, I am your person, have your way in me as it is done in heaven
7. So for this to happen, we must put God first as the text declares
- 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. Last week, we studied Deuteronomy 28, where we begin to look at the Conditions for “More”
9. Today, let us continue our lesson on “receiving ‘More’ from God”
10. Let me remind you of a few Scriptures from last week

a. Isaiah 49:24-25

i. KJV

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.

ii. AMP

24) "Can the spoils of war be taken from the mighty man, Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?" 25) Indeed, this is what the LORD says, "Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, And the tyrant's spoils of war will be rescued; For I will contend with your opponent, And I will save your children.

Note: Listen... Whatever has been captured, even captured lawfully can be returned to the lawful owners, because God contends with Satan for us, and God will save our children.

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

c. 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: This same admonition is for us today. 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.

Note: I mentioned how some companies require dress codes, etc

Note: If we will conform to standards of an employer to have a job, why can't we conform to God's "Word" for us so we can have the deeper blessings and benefits that God desires to give those who will seek Him.