

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown

DAY 9 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Seeking First The Kingdom Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Reflection: One of the major roles of kingdom citizens is to seek out the interest of the Kingdom. That is why in most countries, defending your country (in times of war) is considered a very noble thing to do. In some countries, every male is expected to be ready to be drafted into the army if need be.

This is also true of the kingdom of God. We are to seek the things of God as a priority over the things of the world. Primarily, it means we are to seek the salvation that is inherent in the kingdom of God because it is of greater value than all the world's riches. While this does not mean we should neglect the reasonable and daily duties that help sustain our lives, it means there should be a difference in attitude towards them. If we are taking care of God's business as a priority—seeking His salvation, living in obedience to Him, and sharing the good news of the kingdom with others—then He will take care of our business as He promised—and if that's the arrangement, where is worrying?

But how do we know if we're truly seeking God's kingdom first? There are questions we can ask ourselves. "Where do I primarily spend my energies? Is all my time and money spent on goods and activities that will certainly perish, or in the services of God—the results of which live on for eternity?" Believers who have learned to truly put God first may then rest in this holy dynamic: "...and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

PRAYER FOCUS:

- 1. Thank God for His grace in making you a citizen of the kingdom, with kingdom rights and responsibilities. Romans 8:17**
- 2. Thank God for counting you worthy as an ambassador for the kingdom and a soldier and warrior in the kingdom.**
- 3. Pray that the Lord will give you the right perspective about how valuable you are to God our heavenly Father.**
- 4. Pray that you will be free of worry about what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body and what you will put on.**
- 5. Pray that you will not walk by sight but live by faith in 2018 because you know your heavenly father cares for you more than the lilies or the birds of the air. 2 Corinthians 5:7**
- 6. Ask God to give you the grace to prioritize the matter of the kingdom of God in the way you live, spend your time, energy, money and other resources He has given you. Matthew 22:37**
- 7. Pray that you will not just seek first the kingdom of God but will also seek His righteousness; seeking to please Him in everything you do. Hebrews 1:9**