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Week 1

Matthew 6:33 AMPC

“But seek (^[a]aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (^[b]His way of doing and being right), and then all these things ^[c]taken together will be given you besides.”

Seek Definition- *find out by thinking, meditating, reasoning, inquire into; to crave or demand*

First Defined:

Adjective-*preceding all other in time, order, or importance; fundamental; rudimentary*

Noun- *something that is first; the first occurrence of item of a kind; the first person or thing mentioned.*

Synonyms

Fundamental: A basic essential, affecting the foundation of something

Rudimentary: A basic principle of a subject, the merest beginning of something capable of being developed.

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What is God's Kingdom?

Greek Lexicon Definition: God's "rule, royal power, and kingship

Seek God's authority and recognize Him as King over our lives and in every situation.

We are encouraged to seek God's righteousness. His righteousness is defined as His way of thinking, feeling, acting and being right.

THE LAW OF FIRST THINGS

"Reverencing God and acknowledging His position by faithfully giving over the required first born and first fruits as an offering."

➤ Exodus 13:1-2:

➤ Exodus 22:29-30:

This did NOT mean human sacrifice!

Remember that God had already explained in chapter 13 of Exodus that these first born males must be consecrated or "redeemed."

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KJV Dictionary defines “redeemed as:

Redeemed

- 1) purchase back; ransom; liberate
- 2) to repurchase what has been sold to regain possession of a thing alienated by repaying the value of it to the possessor

APPLYING THIS TO MY LIFE THIS WEEK

During this First Fruits, we are giving God a tithe of our year- the first 36 days of the year to God in fasting and in prayer. In 2003 or so, I heard the Lord clearly asking me to give Him the first part of the year in fasting and in prayer, and He promised me that He would give me direction and redeem the rest of my year.

In 2006, I was doing First Fruits. We needed to sell our home desperately and I sought God not just for vision for the year, but for the sale of our home. We had several people come to look at our home, but we had not received any offers. As the end of First Fruits neared, we had some views of the home, and by the final day of first fruits, we received a cash offer for the full amount we were asking for! We began the year debt free and were able to go where God had asked us to go.

This is just one of many examples of what God can do when you honor Him by giving Him the first.

THIS WEEK

- If you haven't decided yet, settle on what you are giving up during this time of first fruits. Seek God and ask Him what you should do.
- Dedicate yourself to spend at least 20 min every day with God
- Purchase a journal to write what you hear from God during your time with Him
- What am I believing God for this year? Write this down. Find scriptures that support what you are believing for and post it up in your house.
- What occupies the majority of your mental time and energy? This is what has taken first place in your life. Take action to begin to reverse this. For every 30 min you spend doing it, take 5 minutes to listen to worship music, a teaching, reading a devotional, or just thinking about God.

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Week 2

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Leviticus 23:9-14

The Wave offering- a declaration; a form of worship; a surrendering

Leviticus 2:11

- Devoted thing-the animal dedicated to take the place of the first born. Irrevocably dedicated to be destroyed.
- Redeeming the unclean (i.e. buying back by replacing it with an acceptable substitute) See Leviticus 27:27
- The first born son belonged to the LORD; his life was redeemed by sacrificing a lamb. If this was not done, the child had to be dedicated to the LORD and left at the synagogue.

What happens when first fruits are given to God? The rest are redeemed

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Why is it so important to give God the first things?

“It is not a matter of possession, it’s a matter of position”

-Nicole Yeboah

I Samuel 2:30

“...For those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.”

When we choose to give Him the first in any specific area, we are placing that area under His authority. When we do this we:

- 1) Allow God to be Lord over that area
- 2) Free God to release His blessings into that area

God is a gentleman. He also is a respector of our choices. He will not go where He is not invited. We must verbally give Him the right to be Lord over us, our situations, our families..etc.

APPLYING THIS TO MY LIFE THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK

- Accountability check/calibration
 - Am I spending at least 20 min every day with God?
 - Did I purchase the journal and am writing what God is saying
- What are areas in my life that I need to surrender to God in honor?
- Thank Jesus for His redemptive work on the cross
- Continue to decree and pray over what you posted last week in your home.

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Week 3

THE LAW OF FIRST THINGS CONTINUED

More Than a Test

- **Genesis 22:1-18: Abraham and the Law of First Things**

Why was this so important?

- Chronicles 1:28, Chronicles 2:1-55, Matthew 1:1-17

When you give anything to God, it is never lost!

- **I Corinthians 15:20: Jesus as First Fruits**

Fruit- a seed bearing plant

Jesus is the seed that was planted

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Synonyms:

Fundamental: A basic essential, affecting the foundation of something

Rudimentary: A basic principle of a subject, the merest beginning of something capable of being developed.

When the first fruits are given to God, the rest is redeemed.

Psalm 107:2 “*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has delivered from the hand of the adversary.*”

We are **the redeemed!**

POSITION

“It is not a matter of possession, it’s a matter of position”

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- When we accept Christ as our LORD and Savior, we submit ourselves under His Lordship and authority.

- When we are positioned under His authority, we can receive The Blessing upon our lives.

Colossians 1:13

“For He has rescued us and has drawn us to Himself from the dominion of darkness, and has transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”

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We have changed positions from one kingdom to another.

From....

darkness to light

sickness to health

slavery to freedom

lack to abundance

APPLYING THIS TO MY LIFE THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK

- Accountability check/calibration
 - Am I spending at least 20 min every day with God?
 - Am I decreeing and praying over what I've posted in my home?
 - What has God been saying to me? Has a particular scripture, statement or word stood out to me?
- Spend time worshiping God this week
- Submit your life, family, dreams, destiny, finances...everything under the Lordship of Jesus

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Week 4

REDEEMED FROM THE CURSE

Every firstborn belongs to God. If this was not acknowledged, then the first thing was become a curse to them- an open door for the devourer.

Joshua 6:17

If Jesus wanted us under the curse, why would He go through so much trouble to redeem us from it?

Galatians 3:13 AMP

“Christ purchased our freedom and redeemed us from the curse of the Law and its condemnation by becoming a curse for us- for it is written: “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS[crucified] ON A TREE.”

Jesus became the curse for us so that we could be redeemed from the curse

Deuteronomy 28:16-57 (being empowered to fail, all manner of sickness, lack, poverty, division, confusion..)

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THE BLESSING

Deuteronomy 28

Blessed wherever you are

- In the city and in the field vs.3

Blessed in whatever you do

- Fruit of your body (children); fruit of your ground; fruit of your cattle vs.4

Blessed in whatever you have

- Your basket and kneading bowl vs.5

Blessed wherever you go

- When you come in and when you come out vs.6

The Blessing of Abraham: The Fullness of the Blessing, George Pearsons & Gloria Copeland; Day 4.

10 Promises

1. *God will cause your enemies that come against you to scatter (come against you one way and flee seven ways) vs.7*
2. *God will command a blessing on your storehouse (holdings/stocks/bank accounts vs. 8*
3. *God will bless your land vs. 8*
4. *God will bless all that you undertake vs. 8*
5. *God will establish you as a holy people vs. 9*
6. *All the people of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord and they will be afraid of you vs. 10*
7. *God will make you have a surplus of prosperity vs.11*
8. *God will open to you His good treasury and bless the works of your hands vs.12*
9. *You will lend to many nations and not borrow vs. 12*
10. *God will make you the head and not the tail (you will be on top) vs. 13*

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LIFE APPLICATION THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK

- Look over your life and identify areas where the curse may have crept in.
- Make a Battle Plan. Find blessing scriptures to combat any areas of the curse you have identified.
- Rebuke the curse and decree the blessings of God over yourself and your family.
- Make a conscious effort to speak words of blessing and not the curse in your everyday speech

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Week 5

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

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*"When we give God our first, we recognize Him as being more important than hanging on to what we **feel** is our best. "-Nicole Yeboah*

OUR BEST IS YET TO COME!

Psalm 24:5 AMP

"He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

Receive defined:

- *To lift, to carry, to **take***

*How do we **take** the blessing?*

- *We agree with what God has spoken*
- *We speak it*
- *We believe and trust that God is able to do it*

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THE PROMISE IF WE HONOR GOD WITH OUR MONEY

What is a tithe?

- 10% of your paycheck/income
- your time or energies invested into good works
- it is your seed that will reap a harvest

Proverbs 3:9

“Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce, so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats overflow with new wine.”

Malachi 3:10-12 AMP

Bring all the tithes (the tenth) into the ^{the}storehouse, so that there may be ^{the}food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you [so great] a blessing until there is no more room to receive it. Then I will rebuke the ^{the}devourer (insects, plague) for your sake and he will not destroy the fruits of the ground, nor will your vine in the field drop *its grapes* [before harvest],” says the LORD of hosts. “All nations shall call you happy *and* blessed, for you shall be a land of delight,” says the LORD of hosts.

THE PROMISE

- *God will pour out a blessing upon us so great we don't have room enough to receive it*
- *God will keep the enemy from destroying the harvest from our seed*
- *All of the nations will call you “happy” and “blessed” (i.e. the blessing of God will be so on you, it will be evident when others see you)*

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LIFE APPLICATION THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK

- Are you holding on to something God has told you to let go of to receive His blessing and His best for you? (e.g. old hurts from the past; an unhealthy relationship; a habit)
- If you are not already, consider giving God tithe. Ask Him which church or ministry He would have you send it to.
- What has God spoken to you about this year? Make sure you follow His perfect plan for you, and thank Him for a victorious year!