



"Jesus' First Priority" - Sermon Notes – Matthew 6:33

Introduction

1. "Seek You First..." – It's implied that we seek.
 - ⊕ We seek because we have needs.
 - Matthew 6:8 *"...your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:"*
 - Matthew 6:32 *"For the Gentiles seek after all these things (food, clothing, drink), and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all."*
 - ⊕ We are in need because of who we are in our being.
 - God is the only All Sufficient being.
 - God is omnipotent – Hebrews 1:3, Mt. 19:26, Luke 1:37, Psalm 147:5, Job 42:2
 - God is omniscient – Psalm 139:7-12, Heb. 4:13, Mt. 9:4,
 - God is omnipresent – Psalm 139:7, Col. 1:17, Mt. 18:20, Jer. 23:23-24
 - God is sovereign – Eph. 1:11, Rom. 8:28, Mt. 10:29-31, Col. 1:17-17
 - God is immutable – Num. 23:19, Psalm 102:25-27, Heb. 13:8
 - God is Holy – 1 Sam. 2:2, Ex. 15:11, Rev. 15:4
 - God is Sufficient – 2 Cor. 3:5, Ex. 3:14, Psalm 46:1
 - ⊕ We are in need because we are sinners. – Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23, 2 Tim 3:16; Mt. 10:17, Mt. 11:28-30
 - ⊕ In eternity we will still lack in our being, but sin and its effects will be eradicated. – 1 Cor. 15:41ff, 1 John 3:2, Rev. 21:4, Rom. 8:18-19,
 - ⊕ All of our needs are met in Jesus and His righteousness – Mt. 6:33

The First Empty Way to Fill Our Needs

We seek "all these things" in order to build "our kingdoms" in the attempt be made right.

- Things of this world - "All These Things" – created things or people
 - Matthew 6:32, "For the Gentiles seek all these things..."
 - People - Matthew 5:27ff – Lust, Divorce – Mt. 7:7:1-5 – Judging Others
 - > Needs to be met - Intimacy, connection, value, belonging, significance, to be desired, cherished, adored, respected, etc.
 - > In the person of Jesus is the only way for this need to be met. "Seek you first the KINGdom..."
 - Things – Mt. 6:19ff. – wealth, toys, substances, entertainment, etc.

The Second Empty Way to Fill Our Needs

We seek first our "rightness" and God owes us all of these things to give us our own Kingdom.

- Give to the Needy – Mt. 6:1-4
- Prayer – Mt. 6:15
- Fasting – Mt. 6:16-18
 - Fill in the blank with tithing, bible studies, devotions, charity work, morality, having the right thinking politically and socially or anything you or others deem as good before God.
 - "In order to be seen" by others- the approval of others. This is Self-validation. Self-recognition. Self-aggrandizement. Self-promotion. Self-recognition. Self-love.
 - Luke 18:9-14, John 5:39, Mt. 7:21ff

Jesus Sought Us FIRST

- Hebrews 13:20ff
 - He who is sufficient emptied Himself...
 - Phil. 2, 2 Cor. 5:21
 - To give us sufficiency.
 - John 10:10 - ***"I came that they might have life and have it abundantly."***
 - Matthew 11:28-30 - ***"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."***
- The Lord's Prayer – Mt. 6:9-13
 - ***"Our Father in heaven"***
 - "You are my real Father, and I am your child and you sought me out through your Son.
 - ***"Holy be your name."***
 - You are All SUFFICIENT.
 - ***"Your kingdom come, your will be done, - on earth as it is in heaven."***
 - Pour your sufficiency throughout the entire world...in me and through me.
 - ***"Give us this day our daily bread"***
 - You are sufficient for ME, and I trust that you know what I need and will provide what I need.
 - ***"and forgive us our debts"***
 - Forgive me as you have through your Son who sought me and won me to Himself.
 - ***"as we also have forgiven our debtors"***
 - Out of the overflow of your sufficient forgiveness, pour it out of me to others.
 - ***"And lead us not into temptation"***
 - "Keep me from seeking my needs to be filled from any one or thing but you."
 - ***"but deliver us from evil"***.
 - Protect me from the evil one who has and will tempt me to believe that I can be filled everywhere but you.