

## “SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD [Part 5]!”

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**REVIEW/INTRO:** Jesus taught us to pray for God’s kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:9-10). He went on in vv. 25-33 to tell us we shouldn’t worry about our provision but instead trust God and seek first the kingdom of God (v. 33). Last week we looked at the other Kingdom Parables from Matthew 13. None of these kingdom parables imply that we should expect a small harvest of souls at the end of the age (Rev. 7:9) or a backslidden or weak church. Believers and unbelievers will co-exist until the harvest at the end of the age, and the presence of unbelievers should not prevent believers from living fruitful lives.

This morning I’m going to conclude this series by focusing on:

### **THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

#### •Principles of the kingdom of God:

1. God is pleased to give us the kingdom (Lk. 12:32; Dan. 7:18, 22, 27; Matt. 6:9-10).
2. The gospel of the kingdom is not only a message to be declared, but a reality to be demonstrated (1Cor. 4:20)!
3. Jesus is the King of the kingdom of God and abundantly provides for all who are functioning citizens of His kingdom (functioning according to kingdom principles) in the following ways:

#### •Demonstrations of the kingdom of God (in and through us):

1. Salvation [wholeness] (Acts 8:12).
2. Righteousness, peace & joy (Rom. 14:17; Acts 8:8, 12).
3. Provision (Matt. 6:33).
4. Healing (Lk. 9:11, 2).
5. Deliverance (Matt. 12:28; 10:7-8).
  - A. The key to kingdom provision is full allegiance to the King and His kingdom!
  - B. Kingdom citizens properly functioning by kingdom principles don’t seek provision from the King apart from their allegiance to and worship of the King.
6. Miracles (1Cor. 4:20; Acts 8:12, 6, 13).
7. Mysteries (Matt. 13:11-12).
8. The keys [authority] of the kingdom (Matt. 16:19).
  - A. **Bind** (forbid, prohibit) what is loosed but should be bound (spirits).
  - B. **Loose** (allow, permit) what is bound but should be loosed (people, circumstances).

#### •“If you bind and loose on earth as kingdom operatives, heaven will back you up!”

**CONCLUSION:** The gospel of the kingdom is not only a message to be declared, but a reality to be demonstrated through salvation; righteousness, peace & joy; provision; healing; deliverance; miracles; mysteries; & the keys of the kingdom!

Let’s purpose to seek first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33; Lk. 16:16)! ***What kingdom demonstration do you need in your life?***