

Kingdom Business Alliance (KBA)

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I. Kingdom

Matthew 6:33: Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness,
and everything you need will be added to you.

- Lords Prayer: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- Can't separate the will of God from the Kingdom of God.
- His will is what rules His Kingdom.
- The Kingdom of God on the earth is the will of God being experienced by and expressed through God's children on the earth.
- We are to 1st seek His Kingdom and His righteousness.

II. Righteousness

- Righteousness attracts God because He is righteous. **Ps.11:7**"For the Lord is righteous; He loves righteousness...."
- Understanding righteousness will move us from infancy to the process of becoming mature in our faith. **Hebrews 5:13**"Anyone who lives on milk, still being an infant is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness..."
- Righteousness will cause us to reign in life. **Romans 5:17**"They shall reign in life that have received abundance of grace and the **gift of righteousness**."
- Gives us access to all rights, resources and privileges of citizenship.
- Releases the authority and power of God's Kingdom into our lives.
- Righteousness is the currency of the Kingdom.

III. Understanding Righteousness

Two kinds of Righteousness:

From the book - Righteousness describes the maintenance of the rightly aligned relationship with the governing authority of the Kingdom of Heaven, so as to qualify us for the right to receive kingdom provision and privileges from our King.

- Has to do with how we live or lives.
- It is obeying the principles and commands of God and His Kingdom.
- Has to do with behaving rightly.

Second kind of righteousness has nothing to do with how we live our lives. It comes as a result of seeking His Righteousness. It is the gift of righteousness God gives to us when we are born again.

- We become rightly aligned with God because of this righteousness.
- We can't earn this righteousness.
- There is nothing we can do in of ourselves to become righteous. **Isa.64:6... Our righteousness is as filthy rags.**
- We are no longer sinners. When we accepted Jesus Christ as our savior we became righteous **2Cor. 5:21 "He that knew no sin became sin on our behalf that we may become the righteousness of God in Christ.**
- We are no longer sinners by nature. We have a new nature. We are partakers of the Divine Nature of God. **2Peter 1:4 we have become partakers of the divine nature.**

The Gift of Righteousness is received by faith in what the Word of God says about us. As citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and children of God we no longer try to become righteous through our works, **we do righteous works because we are righteous.**

We have to renew our minds with the truth that we have been made righteous through the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary. When we doubt our righteousness we doubt the Word of God and our ability to reign in life is hindered because of our unbelief.

Proverbs 23:7 "For as a man thinks within his heart so is he."

Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believes unto righteousness."

It is the righteousness of Christ in us that causes us to be rightly aligned with God in His Kingdom.

If we believe we are just sinners saved by grace the peace, power and authority of God will be robbed from us. We **were** sinners and we **are saved by God's grace** but we have been made **righteous**. Because You are righteous we can now live righteously.

God's favor is upon you so that now the benefits of His Kingdom are yours **as you walk in righteousness.**

When you are in right standing with the King through having received the Gift of Righteousness and you are living out of rightness through obedience to the commands and principles of the King and His Kingdom, the King promises to:

- Take care of your life.
- To protect you.
- To support your life and up hold you in everything.
- To provide all your needs.

Promises from Proverbs 10 and 11.

- Prov. 10: 24 “The desire of the righteous shall be granted.”
- Prov. 10: 25 “The righteous has a sure foundation.”
- “ “ 28 “The hope of the righteousness shall be gladness.”
- “ “ 30 “The righteous shall never be moved.”

- Prov. 11: 4 “Righteousness delivers from death.”
- 6 “The righteousness will deliver them.”
- 8 “The righteous is delivered from trouble.”
- 18 “...he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.”
- 19 “Righteousness leads to life.”

Something to Discuss:

1. Do you find it hard to believe that the divine nature of God is your nature.
Why or why not.
2. Do you struggle finding faith to believe that you can be righteous without earning it?
Why or why not.
3. How does being righteous cause us to reign in life?
4. Since we have been made righteous before God, is it OK to sin?
5. When we sin does that remove the gift of righteousness we have been given?
Why or why not.
6. How does all this relate to Matthew 6:33

Meditation

Our authority in the Kingdom of God is righteousness. As long as we stay lined up with the Kingdom's laws, we have authority to exercise power within the Kingdom. God gives us power to ask for anything we need.

The foundation for our exercising the authority of God is our relationship with God. Once we are lined up with God, He will lavish His faithfulness and love upon us. Talk about getting your needs met!

(Power Keys for Kingdom Life, Myles Munroe)