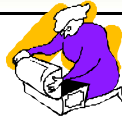


“Seeking And Finding”

By Mrs. Sojourner

Here on this time celebrating the Wise Men finding the Christ Child, let's ponder seeking and finding.



Notes:

[a] 2 Timothy
3:7
[b] Matt. 29-
11

People all over the world spend their lives searching for what they want to be truth. If what they find is not to their liking they often go searching again. The Apostle Paul refers to some of these people as “always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.”^[a]

One of the key things that the Wise Men did, is that when they found Jesus they acknowledged who he was by worshipping him and by giving him the gifts they brought.^[b] The Wise Men accepted the truth that they had found the Christ Child. They did not spend their whole lives traveling and looking for what they have already found.

God has blessed us with his scriptures, which tell us:

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (NIV)

So acknowledging the truth of the scriptures is acknowledging God. Next, trust is key. For a person to stop a continual search, which may be just in a certain area of their life, they must trust God and his word and acknowledge that:

¹⁷...thy word is truth. John 17:17 (KJV)

Our Heavenly Father who knows us completely has truth in his word for even what we see as the most difficult parts of our lives.

¹³And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

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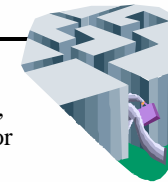
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“Let's Begin!” (Teaching Sketch)

Matthew 6:9-13



Notes:

Begging is an interesting thing. Beginning is action, a behavior to accomplish or do a thing. Beginning always starts as an idea and ends in varying degrees of success. The idea may be from God, self, someone else, or Satan. Nevertheless, the idea springs forth and is either entertained and developed or rejected and tossed aside.

When starting a matter we often reflect on our past experiences, evaluate both the new idea and past experiences and then reject or start the new endeavor.

Beginning well is very dependent upon if there is a well understood result or goal in mind.

Kingdom Goals

When Jesus was beginning what would become the Church he taught his disciples, concerning prayer, actually how to communicate with the Throne of Heaven. He taught them “thy Kingdom come in earth as it is in heaven.” Now earth is differ-

ent then world. Earth is the planet and world is where mankind is on the planet for our exploration of the subject at hand. Jesus was beginning the restoration of the planet to the Kingdom. Jesus and later the apostles were teaching believers how to operate or function in the kingdom. The renewing of the mind brings about the Kingdom goals and operation in the believer.

Kingdom Works

God has always done Kingdom works from before the creation and certainly after creation but mankind has needed to be renewed in the mind to grasp how the Kingdom works. One of the greatest beginnings in the demonstration of how the Kingdom works is God's provision in the Believer's life as the Believer is given the daily bread and can believe for the provision.

Kingdom Come

The Kingdom comes in the mind of many when the provision comes but this is not so the Kingdom has come. The

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture:

Matthew 6:9 – 13 (KJV)

9After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
10Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
11Give us this day our daily bread.
12And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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9Pray, therefore, like this: Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed (kept holy) be Your name.
10Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
11Give us this day our daily bread.
12And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven ^(e)left, remitted, and let go of the debts, and have ^[1]given up re-

sentment against) our debtors.
13And lead (bring) us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

-Reina-Valera 1960-

9 Vosotros, pues, oraréis así: Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre.
10 Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra.
11 El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy.
12 Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.
13 Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria,^(D) por todos los siglos. Amén.

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provision is simply a transference from the spiritual to the natural. It is this transference which first demonstrates to the Believer that God is faithful to his word. When the Believer experiences the delivery of the promise in whatever form, the Believer is then encouraged to expect the delivery of other forms of spiritual power and gifts.

This is when the Believer can more clearly see God’s Kingdom goals and the Believer’s part or function in the Kingdom.

Kingdom Grace

Kingdom grace was taught by Jesus in the forgiveness of others since grace is foundational to and in the Kingdom. When a believer shows grace to another they are showing and demonstrating the Kingdom as well as taking their own part in Kingdom establishment “in earth as it is in heaven.”

Let’s Begin

Let’s begin to expand the Kingdom in earth following God’s pattern of not being willing any should perish but come to everlasting life!

Let’s begin, anew!

Just so you’ll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

