

## **AA7. Seeking God's Kingdom.**

*We are to seek the Kingdom of God.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 6:33

*But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 5:3, 19:24, 25:34

Luke 9:2, 12:31-32

John 3:3-5

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Thessalonians 2:12

James 2:5

2 Peter 1:11

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### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

1 Chronicles 29:11

*Yours, ADONAI, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. The kingdom is yours, ADONAI; and you are exalted as head over all.*

Psalms 22:28-30

*All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to ADONAI; all the clans of the nations will worship in your presence. For the kingdom belongs to ADONAI, and he rules the nations.*

Daniel 3:32(4:2)-33(4:3)

*I am pleased to recount the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me. How great are his signs! How powerful his wonders! His kingdom lasts forever, and he rules all generations.*

Daniel 4:31(34)

*When this period was over, I, N'vukhadnetzar, lifted my eyes toward heaven, and my understanding came back to me. I blessed the Most High, I praised and gave honor to him who lives forever. "For his rulership is everlasting, his kingdom endures through all generations*

**Comment**

The term “Kingdom of God” (in the NKJ) occurs throughout the New Testament, whereas “Kingdom of Heaven” occurs only in the Book of Matthew. Some make a distinction between them, but I do not because, in my view, God’s Kingdom is everywhere that God is. God the Father resides in Heaven and now (in the New Covenant) the Holy Spirit resides on earth – within “born-again” believers. It is therefore logical that God’s Kingdom is in both places as well.

The commandment to “seek God’s Kingdom” is understood by some to mean merely that we should seek salvation – eternal life with God. That is correct, but its meaning is broader; it is to seek to be with God always – on earth during our lives, and in Heaven when we pass on. And it is not only to be with God (ie. in God’s presence), but to have a personal father/son/daughter relationship with Him wherever we are.

One more thing. Matthew 6:33 exhorts us to not only to seek God’s Kingdom, but to seek it “first.” It is a reference to man’s tendency to be self-seeking in his quest for provisions. God promises us that if we make Him our priority we need not worry about providing for ourselves because He will meet all our needs.

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