

Morning Lesson

THE GOD SEEKERS

Matt. 6:33

INTRO:

1. A word for *seek* could be *ambition*.
2. All people are seekers.
3. We need to examine our hearts. **2 Cor. 13:5**
4. What are we seeking?

I. THE SPIRITUAL OR THE MATERIAL?

- A. Two places to put our treasure and, therefore, our hearts.
Matt. 6:19, 20
- B. Two possible things to serve. **Matt. 6:24**
- C. Problems with material emphasis. **Matt. 6:25-34**

II. SEEKING GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. **Matt. 6:33**

- A. Righteousness is being made right by God.
- B. Jesus emphasized righteousness. **Matt. 5:6, 10, 20**
- C. Our ambition must be to be righteous.
- D. The source of righteousness is not man. **Matt. 6:1-18**
- E. Why seek God's righteousness? **Eccl. 12:13; Rom. 8:28**

III. THE PLACE TO SEEK GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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- A. The kingdom is where God's will is being done.
Matt. 6:10
- B. *Kingdom* and *church* are used to identify the same people.
Matt. 16:18, 19
- C. If we can be righteous outside the kingdom, then:
 1. The new birth is not necessary. **John 3:3, 5**
 2. Doing God's will is not essential. **Matt. 7:21, 22**
- D. How did people ever get the idea that one could be saved outside the church?
- E. The kingdom is the place to serve God. **Heb. 12:28**

CONC:

1. A person's ambition is the driving force of his life.
2. We can be ambitious for God or self – there is no alternative. **Matt. 12:30**