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Matthew 6:33 — “Seek ye first the kingdom of God...”

Kingdom Mindset

Kingdom Mindset: Thinking Like Heaven While Living on Earth

Inspired by the Biblical Kingdom Teachings of Dr. Myles Munroe

Syllabus

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1	Rediscovering the Kingdom	Matthew 6:33,Matthew 4:17, Luke 4:43, Genesis 1:26–28, Psalm 8:4–6, Colossians 1:13, Luke 19:10, John 18:36
2	Kingdom Identity	
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6	Kingdom Purpose & Assignment	
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Study Resources

- The Holy Bible
- Books (Myles Munroe)
  - Rediscovering the Kingdom (Expanded Edition)
  - Understanding Your Place in God's Kingdom
  - Understanding The Kingdom, Preparing for Kingdom Experience and Expansion
  - Understanding Your Potential (Discovering the Hidden You)
- Youtube Resources

The Holy Spirit's Purpose, Power, And Person: Insights By Dr. Myles Munroe | MunroeGlobal.com

How Are Christ Believers Viewed in the Kingdom of God?

- According to the Kingdom teachings of Myles Munroe, believers are more than merely subjects of a king. He emphasized that through Christ, believers become **citizens of God's Kingdom and members of God's royal family**.

Munroe often distinguished between earthly kingdoms and God's Kingdom:

- In many earthly kingdoms, subjects serve the king but have little access to him.
- In God's Kingdom, believers are not only citizens under the King's authority but are also adopted into His family through Christ.

He would point to passages such as:

- The Epistle to the Ephesians — "You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."
- The Epistle to the Romans — Believers receive the Spirit of adoption and become heirs of God.
- The First Epistle of Peter — Believers are called a "royal priesthood."
- The Gospel of John — Those who receive Christ are given the right to become children of God.

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From Munroe's perspective:

1. Citizens

- Citizenship speaks of **legal standing** in the Kingdom.
- We belong to God's Kingdom.
- We have rights, privileges, and responsibilities.
- Our allegiance is to the King and His government.

2. Children of the King

- Family speaks of **relationship**.
- God is not merely our ruler; He is our Father.
- We have direct access to Him.
- We are heirs of the Kingdom.

3. Royal Family

- Munroe frequently taught that believers are part of a royal family because they are children of the King of Kings.
- We are not spiritual beggars trying to earn God's favor.
- We are heirs who represent the Kingdom on earth.
- Our purpose is to reflect the nature, culture, and values of the Kingdom.

How Are Christ Believers Viewed in the Kingdom of God?

One of Myles' recurring themes was:

- Religion teaches people how to reach God. The Kingdom message teaches people who they are in relation to the King.
- So, in Myles Munroe's Kingdom framework, Christians are **citizens of heaven, children of the King, heirs of the Kingdom, and members of God's royal family—not merely subjects living under a ruler.**
- This is why he often described believers as **ambassadors** representing heaven on earth, drawing from The Second Epistle to the Corinthians. An ambassador is not just a subject; an ambassador is an authorized representative of the King and His Kingdom

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Matthew 6:33
“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (NIV)

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The bigger context
This verse is part of Jesus' **Sermon on the Mount**, where He teaches about worry and anxiety. He tells people not to be consumed by chasing material things, because God already knows what they need.

Jesus Preached the Kingdom
Through the lens often emphasized by Myles Munroe, this verse is not simply about **prioritizing religion**—it is about **returning to God's original intention for humanity: living under His rule and reflecting His character.**

Let's break Matthew 6:33 down phrase by phrase.

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1. “Seek first…”
Myles Munroe often taught:

What you seek first determines the order of your life.
“Seek” means:

- pursue intentionally
- study
- desire deeply
- make it your highest aim

And “first” means:

- not merely first in sequence
- but first in **priority and government**

Jesus did not say:

- seek money first
- seek success first
- seek ministry first
- seek security first
- He said seek **the Kingdom first.**

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Reflection:

What gets my first attention?

- My phone?
- My fears?
- My schedule?
- My reputation?
- Or God?

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2. “The Kingdom of God…”
This is where Myles Munroe placed tremendous emphasis.

He often taught:
The Kingdom is not a religion—it is the government of God.

Myles remarked that greatest threat to the future of the world is religion.

In this framework:

Kingdom =
- God’s rule
- God’s authority
- God’s culture
- God’s values operating in earth

Luke 17:21 — “The kingdom of God is within you.”

Jesus’ message was not:
“Join a religion.”

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His message was:

Submit to God's reign.
That means asking:

- What does God think?
- What does God want?
- How would Heaven respond?

Example:

At work:
Not "What can I get?"
But:
"How do I represent God here?"
In relationships:
Not "How do I win?"
But:
"How do I love as Christ would?"

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3. “And His righteousness…”

Myles Munroe often described righteousness not merely as morality but as:

Right standing and right alignment with God.

Righteousness means:

- God’s way of thinking
- God’s standards
- God’s character

So this verse is saying:
Seek:

- God’s rule
  AND
- God’s way of living
- Not:
  Kingdom benefits without Kingdom values.

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4. “And all these things shall be added…”

This is powerful.

Notice Jesus did not say:
Seek things → receive Kingdom.

He said:
Seek Kingdom → things follow.

Earlier in Matthew 6, Jesus listed:

- food
- drink
- clothing
- necessities

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Myles Munroe often emphasized:

> Provision follows purpose.

Meaning:

When your life aligns with God's assignment, God supplies what is needed for that assignment.

Not always excess.
But sufficiency.

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Matthew 4:17:

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." (Living Bible)

Luke 4:43:

43 But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other places too, for that is why I was sent." (Living Bible)

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Per Matthew 4:17

From Myles Munroe's perspective:
This verse marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and His first recorded message.
Myles emphasized:

"Repent" means change your mind
Not simply:
- feel guilty
- cry
- become religious

But:
Change your way of thinking because Heaven's government has arrived.
Jesus was saying:

"Stop thinking like people separated from God's rule. Learn to think like Kingdom citizens."

Myles frequently explained:
- Humanity lost dominion in Eden.
- Jesus came to restore relationship and rightful Kingdom living.
- Salvation is not only getting into Heaven later—it is learning to live under God's reign now.

So, Matthew 4:17 becomes:
Change your thinking because God's Kingdom is available.

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Per Luke 4:43,

From Myles Munroe's perspective:
This verse was one of his most repeated ideas.
Notice Jesus did not say:
"I was sent to preach religion."

He said:
"I was sent to preach the Kingdom."

Myles would often point out:
Jesus' assignment was:

- announce the Kingdom
- demonstrate the Kingdom
- restore citizens to the Kingdom

Miracles were evidence of the Kingdom.

Healing → Kingdom
Deliverance → Kingdom
Teaching → Kingdom
Salvation → Kingdom

The message was:
God's government is invading broken places.

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Put together:

Matthew 4:17 → **The invitation**
(Change your thinking.)
Luke 4:43 → **The mission**
(Announce the Kingdom.)

Myles Munroe summary:
Jesus did not come to establish a religion; He came to restore humanity to Kingdom citizenship under God's rule

Kingdom living changes perspective.

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Humanity Was Created for Dominion

Genesis 1:26–28 (Living Bible)

26 Then God said, “Let us make a man[a]—someone like ourselves, to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies and in the seas.”
27 So God made man like his Maker.
Like God did God make man;
Man and maid did he make them.
28 And God blessed them and told them, “Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all the animals.

Psalm 8:4–6 (Living Bible)

4 I cannot understand how you can bother with mere puny man, to pay any attention to him!
5 And yet you have made him only a little lower than the angels[a] and placed a crown of glory and honor upon his head.
6 You have put him in charge of everything you made; everything is put under his authority:

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Humanity Was Created for Dominion

Book of Genesis 1:26–28
"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion…"
From Myles Munroe's perspective:
This passage is about **identity, purpose, and dominion.**
He often summarized God's original plan in three movements:

1. Image → Reflect God
God created humanity in His image.
Myles emphasized:
This does not mean:
- God's physical appearance
- becoming gods

It means:
- reflecting His character
- thinking according to His nature
- representing Him on earth

Like an ambassador represents a king.

His phrase was often:
Humanity was created to represent Heaven on Earth.

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Humanity Was Created for Dominion

2. Dominion → Manage, not dominate

Verse 26 says:

"…let them have dominion…"

Myles saw this as one of the Bible's most important words.

Dominion means:

- stewardship
- authority
- management
- responsible rulership

Not:

- oppression
- control
- selfish power

God gave humanity authority:

- over creation
- over systems
- over culture
- over stewardship of the earth

He would say:

God did not create man to become unemployed in Heaven—He gave humanity work and assignment on Earth.

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3. Be fruitful → Expand Kingdom culture
Verse 28:
Be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue.

Myles interpreted this as:

God saying:
“Expand what I placed in you.”

Fruitfulness includes:
- character
- influence
- purpose
- leadership
- multiplication

Not simply having children.

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Humanity Was Created for Dominion

Book of Psalms 8:4–6
"What is man, that thou art mindful of him… Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands…"
From Myles Munroe's perspective:

This passage answers:
Why would God care so much about humanity?
David is amazed because humans seem small.

Yet God:
- remembers us
- values us
- crowns us
- entrusts responsibility to us

Verse 5:
"crowned him with glory and honour"

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Humanity Was Created for Dominion

Myles often explained:
Glory =
God's nature revealed

Honor =
position and assignment

Then verse 6:
"You made him ruler…"

Meaning:

Humans were created:
not for insignificance
not merely survival
but purposeful influence

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Humanity Was Created for Dominion

Put Genesis 1 and Psalm 8 together
Genesis 1:
God gives purpose.
Psalm 8:
David celebrates the purpose.
Genesis:
“Have dominion.”
Psalm:
“Why would You trust us with dominion?”

Kingdom Summary (Myles-style)
Identity → Image of God
↓
Purpose → Dominion
↓
Assignment → Steward Earth
↓
Outcome → Reveal Heaven

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

Colossians 1:13 (Living Bible)
13 For he has rescued us out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom and brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son

Luke 19:10 (Living Bible)
9-10 Jesus told him, "This shows[a] that salvation has come to this home today. This man was one of the lost sons of Abraham, and I, the Messiah, have come to search for and to save such souls as his."

John 18:36 (Living Bible)
36 Then Jesus answered, "I am not an earthly king. If I were, my followers would have fought when I was arrested by the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of the world."

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

Letter to the Colossians 1:13
"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."
From Myles Munroe's perspective:
This verse describes a **change of government.**

Myles often emphasized:
Salvation is not merely:

- escaping hell
- becoming religious
- joining church

Salvation is:
being transferred from one kingdom to another.

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

Notice the language:
- delivered
- translated
- kingdom

That sounds political and governmental.
He would explain:
Before Christ:
- humanity operated under darkness
- separated from God's authority

After Christ:
- we become citizens under the King.

His common idea:
- Salvation restores citizenship.

Not:
Kingdom someday.

But:
Kingdom beginning now.

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

Gospel of Luke 19:10

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

From Myles Munroe's perspective:

This verse raises an important question:

What exactly was lost?

Myles often answered:

- **Man was not lost.**
- **Dominion was lost.**
- **Kingdom relationship was lost.**

In Eden:

- Adam remained alive physically
- but lost authority and fellowship

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

So, Jesus came to restore:

- relationship
- purpose
- identity
- dominion

He frequently taught:
Jesus did not come to create a new religion.
Jesus came to recover what Adam lost.
That includes:

1. sonship
2. rulership
3. stewardship

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

Gospel of John 18:36
"My kingdom is not of this world…"
From Myles Munroe's perspective:
This verse clarifies the nature of Jesus' Kingdom.
Jesus did not say:
"I have no kingdom."
He said:
My Kingdom is not from here.
Myles emphasized:
God's Kingdom:
originates in Heaven
operates through believers
influences earth
It is not built by:
military force
politics
coercion

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

Instead it advances through:

- transformed hearts
- obedience
- Kingdom culture

He would often say:

Heaven's influence enters earth through yielded people.

This is why Jesus taught:

"Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth…"

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Jesus Restored the Kingdom

Put the three together (Myles-style)
Colossians 1:13 → You changed kingdoms.
↓
Luke 19:10 → Jesus restored what was lost.
↓
John 18:36 → The Kingdom comes from Heaven.

Kingdom Summary:
You were **created for dominion (Genesis 1),**
lost it through separation,
Jesus came to restore it,
and now believers live as citizens of another Kingdom.

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Kingdom Reflection

- Am I shaped by culture or Christ?
- What area of life needs surrender?
- How will I seek the Kingdom first?

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- • Jesus preached the Kingdom
- • The Kingdom is God’s rule and authority
- • Humanity was created for dominion
- • Jesus restored the Kingdom

Matthew 4:17 — “Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Final Prayer

“Father, open our eyes to understand Your Kingdom and live under Your rule. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 — “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ...”