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Sermon Title: Four Ways We Seek God's Kingdom and Righteousness First - by Dr. Ian Ndlovu

Key Texts: Matthew 6 verse 33 (NKJV) and Psalm 37 verse 4 (NKJV)

Matthew 6 verse 33 (NKJV):

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Psalm 37 verse 4 (NKJV):

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Shalom intercessors,

In a world consumed by survival, schedules, and striving, Jesus gives us a different order: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." This is not just a command—it is a divine invitation. For those of us who stand in the gap, who carry burdens in the secret place, this verse is both anchor and compass.

Let us look at four practical ways we, as intercessors, can seek God's kingdom and His righteousness first:

1) Make the Prayer Altar Your First Dwelling, Not Your Last Resort

Before we reach for our phones or to-do lists, we must reach for God. Seeking first His kingdom means prioritizing prayer before all else—not just as an emergency line but as a lifeline.

Psalm 5 verse 3 (NKJV): “My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up.”

When prayer is our first breath each day, we declare His kingdom over our homes, cities, and nations.

2) Pursue Righteousness in Secret, Not Just in Public

Righteousness is not performance; it's alignment. As intercessors, we must walk in purity, forgiving others quickly, repenting often, and refusing hidden compromise.

Matthew 6 verse 6 (NKJV): *“But you, when you pray, go into your room... and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”*

Seeking His righteousness means letting Him search our hearts before we plead for nations.

3) Delight in God More Than in Results

Psalm 37 verse 4 tells us to delight ourselves in the Lord. This is the posture of worshippers who love the King more than the breakthrough. When intercession becomes about results only, we drift into anxiety. But when we delight in Him, we pray from rest, not striving.

Isaiah 26 verse 8 (NKJV): *“Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O Lord, we have waited for You; the desire of our soul is for Your name and for the remembrance of You.”*

4) Seek His Agenda, Not Just Our Burdens

To seek the kingdom is to ask, “Lord, what is on Your heart today?” Intercessors who seek first His kingdom are sensitive to His direction. We do not merely pray for what we want—we ask what He wants.

Romans 8 verse 27 (NKJV): *“Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

True kingdom intercession aligns with heaven's blueprint, not human pressure.

Conclusion: When we seek God's kingdom and righteousness first, everything else falls into place. Not instantly, but faithfully. God responds not just to eloquence but to order, that is, His order. Intercessors are not just prayer warriors; we are Kingdom seekers. Let's prioritize His will, pursue His righteousness, delight in His presence, and pray from His heart.

Let this be our cry:

"Lord, let Your kingdom come in us before it comes through us."

Amen.