

SEEK → *first*

<sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be given to you as well.

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MATTHEW 6:33 NIV

WHAT DOES IT MEAN  
THAT God IS RIGHTEOUS?



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God's righteousness means that He is perfectly just, holy, fair and right in all His actions and decisions. This attribute is central to His character and is consistently highlighted throughout the Bible.



<sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in everything he does;  
he is filled with kindness.

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PSALM 145:17 NLT

5 “For the time is coming,”  
says the Lord,  
“when I will raise up a righteous descendant  
from King David’s line.

He will be a King who rules with wisdom.

He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

6 And this will be his name:  
‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’

In that day Judah will be saved,  
and Israel will live in safety.

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JEREMIAH 23:5-6 NLT

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→ I need to get serious about God  
and His role as righteous Lord.



<sup>18</sup>And the Lord sent you on a mission and told you, ‘Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, until they are all dead.’ <sup>19</sup>Why haven’t you obeyed the Lord? Why did you rush for the plunder and do what was evil in the Lord’s sight?”

<sup>20</sup>“But I did obey the Lord,” Saul insisted. “I carried out the mission he gave me. I brought back King Agag, but I destroyed everyone else. <sup>21</sup>Then my troops brought in the best of the sheep, goats, cattle, and plunder to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

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1 SAMUEL 15:18-23 NLT

22 But Samuel replied,  
“What is more pleasing to the Lord:  
your burnt offerings and sacrifices  
or your obedience to his voice?”

Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice,  
and submission is better than offering the fat of  
rams.

23 Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft,  
and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols.  
So because you have rejected the command of  
the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

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1 SAMUEL 15:18-23 NLT

7 The instructions of the Lord are perfect,  
reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.

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PSALM 19:7 NLT

<sup>3</sup>For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

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## 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4 NLT

If we truly want to seek first His righteousness we must acknowledge He gets to define what is right and wrong and submit to His righteous commands.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO  
SEEK FIRST HIS *righteousness*?

→ We need to get honest with ourselves.

<sup>21</sup>I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup>I love God’s law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup>But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. <sup>24</sup>Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

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ROMANS 7:21-24 NLT



23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

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PSALM 139:23-24 NLT



<sup>1</sup>So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

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ROMANS 8:1-2 NLT

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO  
SEEK FIRST HIS *righteousness*?

→ We need to get real with others.



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All of us need to be in Biblical community. For in Biblical community, we love one another, disciple one another and find accountability.

<sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

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COLOSSIANS 4:12 NIV

WE WILL ALWAYS STAY  
AS sick AS OUR secrets.

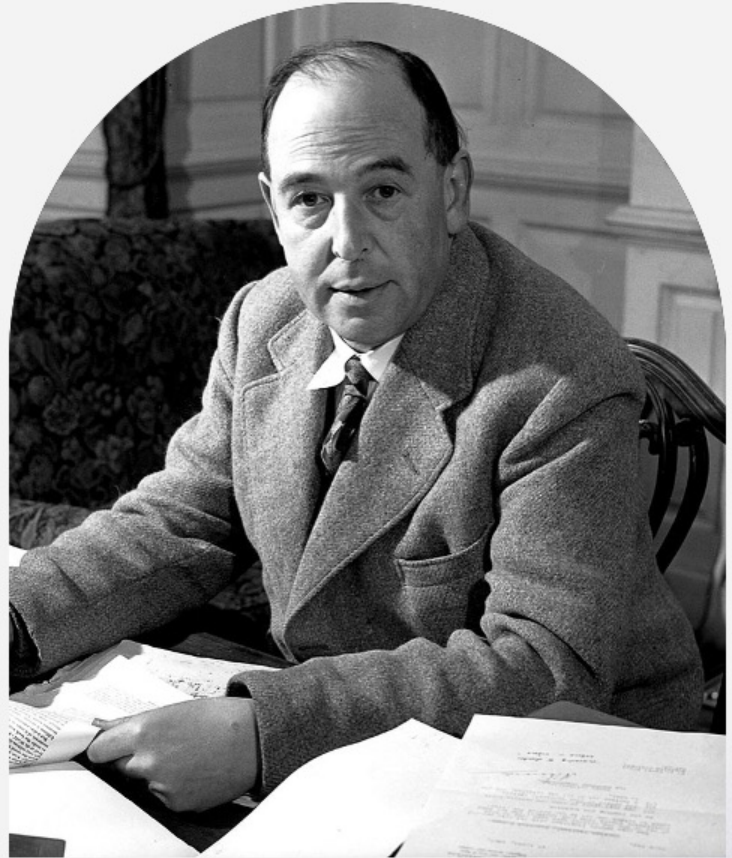


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*Friendship is born at  
the moment when one  
person says to another,  
‘What! You too? I  
thought I was the  
only one.’*

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— C.S. LEWIS



6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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MATTHEW 5:6 NIV