

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown

DAY 8 - SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

The Kingdom Culture

Matthew 5:3-10

Reflection: A kingdom is not just governed by law and constitution; it is also governed by a culture. In fact the purpose of law and constitution is to create a culture. A culture is the system of beliefs, disciplines, practices, and relational boundaries that reveal how life is lived among a particular group of people.

A culture is self-enforcing because the people have come to regard certain things as norms. We all understand culture when we travel. When we go to a different places, we are not just concerned about their laws but about the culture there. While disregarding people's culture might not get you in jail as breaking a law would do, it will definitely make life difficult for you're to thrive in the environment.

Every kingdom has many cultural elements including language, economic system, religion, social organization, customs and traditions, government, arts, literature, music, and fashion. Every kingdom also has values that are esteemed and hence form the culture of the kingdom. The Kingdom of God has the same basic cultural elements and values. Jesus constantly contrasted the culture in the kingdom of God to that of the kingdom of darkness (Matthew 20:22-26). The beatitudes for example lists a lot elements and values such as peacemaking, meekness, being poor in the spirit, being merciful etc. as what defines the lifestyle and the culture of the kingdom of God. A citizen of the kingdom must subscribe to these value systems to enjoy the life in the kingdom and make the most of their kingdom citizenship.

PRAYER FOCUS:

- 1. Thank God because it is His will that you prosper and be in health as your soul prospers. III John 2**
- 2. Pray that your mind will be guided by the Holy Spirit which will bring life and peace. Romans 8:6**
- 3. Pray that your will, will be surrendered to God's will and your life will be in alignment with His will for your life.**
- 4. Pray that God will bring healing and restoration to every area of your emotion so you can truly experience the joy and peace of God in every area.**
- 5. Pray that the peace of God that passes understanding will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. Phil.4:7**
- 6. Pray and submit yourself unto God's plan, ask Him to have His way in every area of your life.**
- 7. Pray that as a church family, God's plan for us will be established in every area of our church life.**
- 8. Pray that the culture of the kingdom of God will permeate our church life and create an environment where God can move freely and do only what only He can do in our lives and our church.**