

31 December 1992, Evening Sacrifice

Londrina, Brazil

### **Ritual; Seek**

Does anyone have anything to say about why we are here so that this wouldn't turn into a ritual? There is always a danger that we would fall into ritual. The first church fell away that way. If it didn't come out of your mouth, it wasn't on your heart — because the mouth speaks the overflow of the heart. Let's give him the overflow of our heart.

Mt 6:33 — What does the word 'seek' really mean? That is what we do here, we seek first, as the pre-eminent thing, the kingdom of God. Our Master said we "seek first". What does 'seek' mean? In the Greek it means to make the establishment of His kingdom on earth the object of all of our endeavors. It means that we should be preoccupied with no other purpose and that all of our life's energies should be directed toward that end. Our Master came to establish His kingdom among men and we are they. The kingdom of God is like a new social order, where human relationships are no longer based on the standards and economic lifestyles of this world. That is what we are seeking with all our heart. We have passed out of this world and now the object of all of our endeavors and efforts, everything we live for, is this kingdom. The Kingdom of God is where all we do, say, and think pertains to the building up of the Edah here and now in this life we have together. This is the edah that the gates of hell shall not prevail against. Prevail means to overcome, to gain the victory or advantage over. Ex 17 — When Moses held his hands up, Israel prevailed. When he let them down, Amalek prevailed. [Define 'prevail']. Heb 10:13.

We breath for the sake of keeping our body alive in order to seek first His kingdom.

Yaduton — If I only know something in my head, it's like fruit without seed. But I saw I need to pray that I could come to the sacrifice and hear things. Because after 1900 years we are the only people on the face of the earth who are coming into the presence of the living God. He is going to speak to us here and our hearts must be made ready and prepared to hear what He is saying to us. Imagine how many people are out there waiting for God to speak to them? Imagine God speaking to you? We were chosen to hear His words, but it is of no use to hear these words if they don't go in our heart. It does no good to hear things and then speak, if it's not coming from your heart. It does no good to pray if you are not praying from your heart. I saw these things in myself. I saw I have to pray with a real desire, anxious for this time. Otherwise we get into, "Oh, it's time again." or "how much longer will I have to keep my hands up," or I'll listen and then share to cause a good impression. But that does no good — it has to be sincere. It has to be the overflow of your heart. If there is no overflow, you've got a problem. Then I have to pray, "Abba, Father, put a desire in my heart to hear you speak to me." That's the most important thing I heard about the sacrifice — that the living God is here.