

Full Sermon Transcript: Necessity of Fasting April 13, 2024

Disclaimer: This transcript is computer-generated and may have mistakes or inaccuracies. Though for the most part, the software does a really good job.

Praise Jesus. That was the brand new page 37. Well, everybody's here now. Everybody's going to be, I guess. We'll try to get some of the other new songs in next week. It's a struggle. Let us go into prayer. Lord Heavenly Father Almighty God, praise Your Holy Name.

We do thank You, Lord, for getting us through this week. We thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers and our fastings.

We thank You for the people that are the most faithful in this work, in this ministry, and those that are very lacking and running behind, that You would help them, Lord, that You would strengthen them, that You would help them to find determination to serve You better, to serve You greater, to be more faithful, more trustworthy.

Please help us, Lord, to serve You with the fullness of our hearts, mind and body and soul, nothing less.

Please help us as we prepare for the Passover, as we test ourselves and examine ourselves and examine our lives, our weaknesses and our strengths.

Whether we are truly in the faith, whether we're just an audience, we ask You, Lord, for help, clarity.

Help us to see ourselves the way You see us. Help us to humble ourselves and confess our faults.

Help us to grow. Help us, Lord, to get into the center of Your will. We ask, Father, for Your special blessing and anointing on this message. Help me to teach it and to preach it correctly and accurately in a way that edifies the Church and helps the Church to grow, to learn, to get closer into the center of Your will, to draw closer to You, to know You better.

We ask, Father, for this and we lift up to You, Brother Jonathan, for Your protection upon him and for his healing divine.

In Your favor, mercy, grace and help upon him, just give him strength, protection and favor, mercy in this situation.

Thank You for considering our prayers and our fastings and requests. May Your will always prevail in us, the Church, Your people, Your kingdom.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow and forever without Him. In Jesus' holy name. Amen. Praise Jesus. Amen. Praise God.

Thank you, brother Calm Adam. Recording April 13th, 2024. Necessity of Fasting. Let's go to Matthew, chapter 5. Necessity of Fasting.

As we return to Matthew 5, yesterday I had sent out a very urgent message to begin an immediate fast.

As soon as you read the message to begin to do a fast for Brother Jonathan, because Jonathan was in a desperate situation, he was fearful for his safety being a prisoner in the state of Arizona and a situation had arisen with one of the other prisoners and he was fearful for his life.

He really did think that he was going to be murdered and I sent out an urgent message to the church on Parrhesia, WhatsApp, Telegram and all three of those channels sent out an urgent message.

So if you did not see it, I wonder why. Because just about everybody has a cell phone.

And Parrhesia primarily, that is the channel that we use to communicate with the church.

If you want to boycott Facebook, fine. That's up to you whether you do or you don't.

But Parrhesia, really no excuse, really no excuse. There must be a way to communicate urgent messages.

There's going to be times when you yourself are going to need urgent prayers. All of us, we have emergencies.

That's the nature of life. That is the nature of life. You can't escape it. Each and every one of us are going to have a time when we need urgent and immediate intercession of the saints.

Immediate people dropping to their knees as soon as they get a message that is urgent.

If we can't do that as a church, then we might as well just close up shop, shut it all down.

If we can't do that, amen, no excuse. So choose your channel and step up to the plate and stop being a hypocrite, stop being an audience.

Be an active member of the church or get out. That's exactly the way I feel about it. Amen.

There's no excuse. One of these days, that urgent message, your life will depend on it. Absolutely. Amen.

Matthew 5, we're talking about fasting today. Verse 1, when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain. And after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

He opened his mouth and taught them, saying, blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they should be comforted. Blessed are the meek or the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they should be fed to the full. Amen.

I never made a connection before with fasting with this, as far as the best of my memory.

But verse 6, we're talking about hunger and thirst for righteousness. And even though it doesn't speak very specifically about fasting, we know that that's actually talking about having a spiritual hunger for wanting to be righteous rather than wicked.

Wanting to live in the light of God, the light of God's truth, his commandments, his righteousness, doing what pleases him, what is his will, rather than following our own will, and rather than following our wicked ways.

Wanting to please the Lord, amen. But, a lot of times in scriptures, there's very subtle, sub-linear, hidden meanings, especially in the context of life as a different situation arises.

God can speak to us through such verses to where even though it doesn't specifically speak of a certain topic or a certain word, that in our hearts, in our minds, the way that God is communicating with us, the way that God lays things on our heart, we see things in a whole new light.

A different meaning to it, even if it wasn't the primary meaning, even if it wasn't the original meaning.

Without taking it out of context, God's speaking afresh. God's speaking anew, as he is the living word, amen.

Hungry and thirsting for righteousness in the context of the way he's speaking with us yesterday and today, thinking about fasting, fasting for righteousness, fasting to draw closer to God, fasting on behalf of other people in the context of the previous verses of mourning, feeling sorrow for somebody, feeling deep love for somebody, feeling deep compassion, deep fear, concern for someone else rather than ourselves all the time.

Being willing to humble ourselves, the meek to inherit the earth, being willing to humble ourselves, to deny ourselves food, to do fasting for somebody else that is in need, to intercede for them, to say, Lord, please consider my fasting for this person's situation, whether it be an urgent situation or not, humbling ourselves to say, yeah, I would like to eat, I would rather eat, of course, but I will deny myself for this person, for this person's sake, amen.

Chapter 10 now, Matthew 10, verse 38, Matthew 10, verse 38. And he who does not take his stake and follow after me is not worthy of me.

He who has found his life will lose it and he who has lost his life for my sake will find it, amen.

Taking up your stake to follow Christ includes suffering, amen. The stake is painful and nobody, not even Christ, just gets up one morning and say, I would love to do this.

It's painful, it's hard, it's difficult. Fasting is supposed to be difficult, but we're willing to do it because we know it works.

It shows God that we really care because we can say it, I care, I care, I care, that's just mere words, just words.

Action speaks louder than words. You can pray to your blue in the face, but that's easy.

It's easy to just speak words. Fasting means business. It's much more serious, it takes more of a sacrifice, it's more difficult. It shows that you're serious, amen.

Those that do not take up their stake to follow Christ is not worthy of Christ, amen.

How many so-called Christians think they're going to heaven, think they're going to be caught up in a free trip, rapture and so forth, think they are saved, who never fast for anything, for any reason, or only for themselves, but not for others?

How is that taking up your stake? How is that suffering with Christ? How is that compassion for others? Just empty words when all they want to do is pray.

Let's go to the book of Romans, Romans chapter 12, starting in verse 1. Romans 12 verse 1, we're going to read verse 1, 2, and 3, then we'll skip down and read some other verses.

Romans 12 verse 1, in the one volume, it's 733, if you have the one volume, 733. That is a living and holy sacrifice. What better way to do that than fasting, amen. Of course, that also entails following God's way rather than your own way, 24-7, amen.

It's not just fasting, but fasting is a necessity of conduct for a Christian, amen.

Verse 2, and do not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of Theos is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

But through the grace given to me, I say to everyone among you, not to think more highly of himself than he should think, but to think so as to have sound judgment as Theos has allotted to each a measure of faith.

So, in this context of presenting your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, is also these words of humbling yourself, not being proudful, not being overly boastful and overly proudful, which is a huge problem in this world.

Because in this world, even among Christians, it's all about I, me, me, me, me, me, amen.

And not enough about others, not enough about others, my rent, my electric, my needs, my food, my feelings, my me, me, me, I, I and myself, too much of that in this world, amen.

If we are humbling ourselves, then we see the importance of the other person. If we're not thinking too highly of ourselves more than we ought to think, then we see the importance of the other person, that we are not the movie star in this show, amen.

That we are not the main character, that there are other people, their feelings count, their lives count, their salvation counts, their needs, their safety counts, that we need to put other people first over and above ourselves often, not just occasionally, but often.

We need to put other people first, amen. I love that. Those initials, J-O-Y, Joy.

That the recipe for joy and the secret to joy is to put J, Jesus, first.

And then O stands for others, Jesus, and then others, and then you come last, Y-O-U, come last.

That's the recipe for joy, amen.

Skipping down to verse 9 here in Romans 12, verse 9.

We'll read verse 9 through verse 15. Verse 9 says, let love be without hypocrisy.

Detest what is evil and cling to what is good. Cling is an interesting word. You think of sometimes the cling wrap won't let go, like a static sock clinging to another piece of clothing that just came out of the dryer, how tight it clings, amen.

Verse 10, be devoted to one another. Devoted to one another is much more than words, it's action, real devotion.

That's more than just seeing each other one time a week on Sunday or Saturday and shaking hands and goodbye.

Devoted to one another is much more than seeing each other, shaking hands, and running out the door as fast as you can get to the car to get home to watch a football game.

Being devoted to one another is putting the other person first and putting action behind your prayers.

Doing more than praying for them, doing much more than praying for them, but also even giving them your money, the shirt off your back, your shoes, allowing them to call you at 3 o'clock in the morning when they need you.

If they need a voice, if they need a shoulder to cry on at 3 o'clock in the morning, that you are available.

That's a real friend, amen. A real friend. A real friend you can knock on their door at 3 o'clock in the morning without them telling you to get lost, amen.

And knowing that you can do that, that your friendship, your brotherhood, your sisterhood is strong enough that you know that you can show up on your sisters or brothers in the church, their doorstep at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Even though they've got to be at work at 5 o'clock in the morning or 6 o'clock in the morning.

That you still know that you would still be welcome, amen. And there's no doubt to it, there's no shadow of a doubt to it.

You know that that person really is your true brother, thick and thin, thoroughly true and true.

Most people don't have that relationship and that's also your relationship you should have with your pastor and that's not present in most churches, amen.

That's not present among most friends, most family. As Jesus said, that love will wax cold in the end time.

Matthew 24, that love will wax cold or increase cold in the end time. That's the time we're living in, selfishness, pride, stubbornness, rebellion, lack of love, lack of compassion, lack of care about anyone other than me.

Verse 9, let love be without hypocrisy, detest what is evil, cling to what is good, be devoted to one another in brotherly love, give preference to the one another to one another.

Preference to the other person in honor. What is honor? Who knows what honor is today? Most people don't know what the definition of honor is and how to even have honor.

Verse 11, not lagging behind indulgence. Now here, I would encourage some of you to write down that phrase, not

lagging behind indulgence, fervent in spirit.

I would encourage some of you, hopefully you know who you are, to copy that phrase and write it on your mirror, your refrigerator door, somewhere in your house because that's something you need to work on. Amen.

Being diligent, how many people are overly complacent about communicating with your pastor, communicating with the church, keeping us up to date because it might shock you, it might surprise you, but we actually want to hear from you, know what's going on in your life.

We're waiting for the update. We're praying for the update because, hey, you did say you wanted prayer for something. Well, that was five months ago. What about updating us? Amen. But I guess the ideal is we're just like everybody else, all the other Christians and all the other churches that, and you know, this is really the mentality.

This really is the mentality is that you think that we're like everybody else. Therefore, when you say to us, please pray for me, you don't think we're praying, obviously, because every time we talk, every time I get another message, it is please pray for me as if I've not been praying for you for the last two years. Amen.

Rather than please pray for me, the words ought to be, see, here's another problem.

People don't know how to talk anymore. People don't know how to talk. They don't know how to communicate, communication skills because of all the fluoride in the water and the soy in the water and all the TV and all the video games and everything, all the other corruptions that are deteriorating brain cells, literally.

That people don't even know how to talk or communicate anymore. But rather than please pray for me, when you know I already am, the words should be please pray statistically on this new development.

If it's not a new development, if it's not a new development, then of course I'm already praying for you.

So the words can be thanks for your continued prayers. Amen. But it really, really does get to me when people say please pray for me as if I'm not already praying for you.

But I guess the mentality is we're just like everybody else and the words go in one ear and out the other and we're not praying.

I guess that's the mentality. We want people to give their prayer requests. Don't get me wrong. We want people to give their prayer requests.

Absolutely. Amen. And we want updates. We want feedback. We want to know how it's going. Are you feeling better?

Amen. Is the situation improving?

Is it getting worse? Do you have a job? What are the prospects? Different things.

We want the updates because we don't want our prayers to sound like a broken record.

We want to update God in our prayers. We want to say God I see you moving in this situation.

It may not yet be completely resolved but thank you Father for what you've already done.

Thank you for what improvement has already occurred and thank you that we see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We need to be able to update our prayers with God on the situation you asked for prayer about last week and last month and two months ago so that we're not staying stuck like a broken record as we continue to pray for that same situation.

Amen.

The situation is somebody may already have a job and I'm still praying for you to get a job.

Or you might have already completely recovered but I'm still praying that you will recover, that you will be healed but you was already healed three months ago and you didn't tell me. Amen.

It's important to follow up with the prayer request to update the church. It's important. Amen.

Not lagging behind in diligence in verse 11 includes communicating with the church, updating the church but also being available to receive those urgent messages like occurred yesterday with brother Jonathan the prisoner in Arizona that was fearful for his life that he thought he was going to get murdered.

And we sent the urgent church wide fasting notification for the church in every nation worldwide to fast immediately as soon as you get this message.

Be available. Choose your channel. Facebook, telegram, Christian social network. Choose your channel and be available.

You can set your notifications on all three of these. You can set notifications to receive notifications only when you get some type of message or whatever.

You can set your notifications. Amen. Not lagging behind in diligence, showing up for worship services on time so that we don't have to do a delay waiting for people to join in.

We're all busy. You don't think I'm busy? I'm still here on time. Amen. And people that say they can't log in to the social media to see what's going on with the church except for once a month or whatever.

That's hogwash. That's bullcrap. Amen. Do you not think I'm busy? And yet I can log in every day to read your messages. Amen. It literally, I'm not kidding, I'm not exaggerating, it literally takes five minutes to pop up Facebook or Parrhesia, whatever, and scroll down to see what's happening.

That doesn't mean you have to click on every link and read every article in detail.

But you can go on there and be updated with that current day, that day's prayer requests, that day's updates, that day's teachings, that day what Bible verses God has laid on our hearts for that day.

That is there for you. That's why we do that. It's not for me all by myself. It's for the edification of the church.

It's to teach the church. It's to uplift and encourage the church. It's to pray for one another. It's to be there for one another.

It's to share with you what the Lord is speaking, what the Lord is doing, what's happening. It's important.

But you ain't got five minutes a day. But you do have 30 minutes to an hour to two hours to watch TV or whatever, but you ain't got five or ten minutes to log in to see what's happening with the church that day.

Maybe you don't care what's happening with the church that day. Amen. Maybe you don't care what's happening with the church that day. People that don't care, they will find excuses to not care. Amen.

They will find excuses. Everybody's too busy for the Lord. Everybody's too busy to care about what's happening with the other person. Amen.

Maybe you'll be too busy for the Lord's Supper as well, as the Bible says that some people will be.

The Bible says that some people will be, hey, I just got married. I need to take care of my life.

Hey, I just bought a piece of land. I just bought a farm. I just bought a house. I need to go take care of that rather than show up for the Passover Communion, rather than show up for Pentecost or for the Feast of Tabernacles, or for Sabbath services on time, or to check in with Parrhesia, with Facebook, whatever.

I'm too busy for the Lord. I'm too busy for the church. I'm too busy to be bothered. I'm busier than everybody else in the church.

I'm the most busy person on this earth. That is the mentality of some people. I know we're busy. I know all of us has got things going on.

We all have something in our lives. I take care of my wife. I have to feed her breakfast in bed every day. I take care of my landlord.

I'm a care for both of these people, my wife and my landlord, and running the International Ministry, preparing sermons, publishing the Alpha and Omega Bible, coming up with new songs, and all the daily routines, keeping groceries, making sure everybody in the house is fed, taking care of my cat.

The list goes on and on. It's an endless list. My to-do list, I don't even know how many pages, multiple upon multiple upon multiple pages of my to-do list that must be accomplished.

But I can still check to see what your messages are. Amen. Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, not serving self, serving the Lord.

Verse 12, read this with me, rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice and cry or mourn with those who cry or mourn. Amen.

But how can you cry or mourn with somebody if you check in with the ministry once a month?

Well, by the time you found out that they was having a tragic situation, it's done and over with before you found out about it.

Too late now. To be able to rejoice with those that rejoice and mourn with those who are mourning, you have to be able to receive the communique from the church.

Contributing to the needs of the saints. But by the time you found out they needed a need, they're already buried. Amen.

Persevering in tribulation, when it comes to the great tribulation, most people in America and the western modern world, they're going to starve to death much sooner and their bodies are going to react in a much more dramatic way to the famine of food, of not having food.

Your mind will be so much more greatly disturbed, your stomach will be, your entire body will be, mind, body, and soul will be so much more greatly disturbed by a lack of food because you're not accustomed to fasting.

But those people who have been accustomed to fasting and people who have not been as blessed or as fortunate to be able to eat all the time, those who are lacking in food on a regular basis, these people are going to be able to endure suffering much easier.

They're accustomed to not having three meals a day or four or five meals a day. They're accustomed to not having everything they want to eat.

They're accustomed to doing without. They're accustomed to an empty stomach. They're accustomed to fasting. They're accustomed to not being under the bondage of gluttony.

They're going to survive the great tribulation easier. Their mind, their body, their soul, their spirit, every element of that person will be at more ease, at more peace, and be able to get through it easier, better, and more effectively.

To persevere the great tribulation because they're accustomed to suffering. Whereas the rich, those on high mountains, those that never have to look at the price tag, they're going to suffer a whole lot more for multiple reasons. Amen.

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit. Blessed are those who do hunger and thirst after righteousness. Amen.

I would be very, very, very, very worried about my soul if I had a lot of money sitting in the bank.

Because how many times does the scripture warn us about that danger, of how difficult it is for a rich man to inherit the kingdom?

Repeatedly, over and over and over, it warns us about that. And these rich people, how do they sleep at night?

It's not wrong to be rich. We know that God did bless some of his servants of the Bible with great riches.

It's not wrong to be rich. It's not a sin to be rich. But the majority of the time, the riches of this world are a bondage.

The majority of the time, they are a hindrance to your salvation.

They are a hindrance to love and compassion. It's all about me, me, me. And the reason a lot of people are rich is because they don't help the poor and their family and their friends and other people sufficiently enough.

Therefore, they've been able to hoard up for themselves as the Bible speaks about.

That they'll warden up treasures on earth for themselves and about the man that kept storing up so much stuff.

And it warned about that. Amen.

Let's go over to chapter 15, Romans 15 verse 1. Romans 15 verse 1.

Now, we who are strong should bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Amen.

Bearing the weaknesses of those who are without strength. That is being willing to intercede to fast, to pray, to sacrifice food, money, resources, time, energy to help others who are in need.

Think of Matthew 25 at the judgment, great white throne judgment after the 100 years which comes after the millennium.

Most people don't know that time frame because they haven't read the Bible enough to know that time frame. Amen.

How come we don't know about the 100 years after the millennium? Self-examination as we're headed toward Passover just one week away. The Bible says to test yourselves, to examine yourselves before you take that communion.

And that was written 50 years plus after Jesus died and rose again and went up to heaven.

Over 50 years later, Paul was teaching the church to keep Passover. And yet, your pastors and your fellow so-called Christians saying you don't have to keep the Passover.

That's Old Testament. No, it's not Old Testament. Jesus and Matthew, Mark, Luke and John kept the Passover. Oh, that's before he died but after he died, he's dying in overwhelm.

No, 50 some years later, Paul was still teaching the church how to keep Passover in the correct way.

How come you've not read that? How come you've not read that? Because you blindly follow blind pastors, the blind leading the blind. The world follow blind pastors, ignorant pastors that don't even know the Bible, that's very ignorant of the Bible, that don't know about the 100 years after the millennium, that don't know that after 50 some years that the church was still keeping Passover and not just the Jews but the Gentiles as well.

They don't know these things because they're ignorant of the Bible and they're false Christians. Let's just say it the way it is.

Let's go to Acts chapter 9. Acts 9, context is the conversion of Saul as he was formerly named. The apostle Paul during the time when Christ had struck him blind for three days, verse 9, Acts 9, verse 9, the apostle Paul, he was three days without sight and neither ate nor drank.

So, I think this is something that's also been overlooked is that while Paul was suffering from blindness for three days as before he got saved and repent of his sins of being antichrist because he was very antichrist.

He had greatly persecuted the church but three days of fasting before God healed his sight and saved his soul. Fasting in connection with salvation. Fasting in connection with affliction and punishment from God. Conversion and salvation in the context of being sorry for your sins and seeking the Lord and humbling yourself. Amen.

There's a much more serious thing than just saying one prayer because I could tell you I have known tons and tons and tons of people in my life who have said that one prayer, who think they are saved, that they live for Satan 24-7, they have made no effort to serve the Lord and they would tell you because they have not murdered anyone and they've said that to my face that they will go to heaven.

They said a prayer and they never murdered anyone. I'm a good person. That's all it takes. What about keeping the commandments because Jesus himself said that if you say that you know me and keep not my commandments, you are a liar and the truth is not in you.

And his commandments did include keeping the Passover communion. He said do this.

He said do this. That's not a suggestion, that's a command. Amen. Do this in remembrance of me till I come.

He's not back yet. Amen. Till I come. Not until I die, not until I resurrect, not until I go back to heaven, but until I come.

And yet pastors are teaching you, you don't need to do the communion once a year on Passover.

You don't need to do this. You can just do it anytime you want to. Treat it like Kool-Aid. Treat it like a child's game rather than observe it on the holy date of his sacrifice as it should be observed.

Be observed with all holiness and reverence as Paul taught. But it's just a game to modern Christian, modern western Christians.

Whereas a person in China touches the Holy Bible for the first time in their life.

They are filled with tears overflowing out of love for the treasure, the treasure of the word of God that is collecting dust in America. Amen.

If people knew how much of a famine there is, really is of the word of God in America.

There's not a famine of false teachers. There's not a famine of churches.

There's not a famine of denominations and religion. There's not a famine of Christians and Christianity, so called, but there's a famine of the word of God, the truth, this gospel of the kingdom in America and around the world. Amen.

And if there be a famine of the word of God, maybe it's because we're not hungry and thirsting for righteousness and because we're hoarding up the riches for ourselves rather than contributing to the necessity of the saints of giving the tithes and the offerings to help the message of the true gospel reach the entire world. Amen.

Priorities, what we put first, what's important to us. Is the necessity of the gospel important to us and how much? How important is the gospel to us?

How important is it that we get Bibles into people's hands? How important is that to us?

How important is it to us that the truth, these scriptures that nobody ever reads get into the hands of the Chinese, the Russians, the Koreans, the Americans that are blinded by false religion?

Even as the apostle Paul was blinded by false religion. Amen. The apostle Paul was extremely religious. He thought he knew God and that's why he persecuted the church and ordered the murder of true Christians.

And perhaps even through he cast the stone himself, the one verse in the Bible says that he cast the vote for their death but that word vote is actually stone.

That he threw the stone. See how the Bible has been corrupted? You get all these people who say, no the Bible is perfect. The Bible is not corrupted.

The Bible is perfect. It's not corrupted. And yet you show them these verses like this. Were they changed the word Passover to Easter?

That's a blanket twisting of the word of God on purpose.

They changed the word Sabbath to rest. In Hebrews 4 verse 9, that there remains a Sabbath, the keeping of the Sabbath to the people of God.

In the New Testament, that the Sabbath still remains. And that verse being twisted from the Sabbath to the word rest, a blanket corruption of holy scripture on purpose because the King James translators didn't want people keeping the Sabbath because the pope had commanded a law in around 325, 352, whatever it was, AD, saying you can't keep the Sabbath.

It will kill you if you keep the Sabbath. That's the Roman Catholic Church and yet people are still Roman Catholic and that's a documented law?

And when the Roman Catholic Church has repeatedly for hundreds of years outlawed the ownership of the Holy Bible? Why would you want to be a participant in a religion that for hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of years it was against the law for people to even read the Holy Bible?

Why would you want to be a participant in that religion? It's crazy. It's insanity. It's wickedness.

It's wickedness. How important are these things to us? What are our priorities? What must we change as we get closer and closer to the great tribulation?

What must we purify in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, in our souls? What kind of leavening must we get rid of? What do we need to change about ourselves? We need to afflict ourselves. We need to call a solemn assembly. We need to blow the shofar.

We need to blow that horn and that trumpet of war because we are in a war. It's intense.

It is a war for our soul. It's a war for our mind. It's a war for our hearts and Hollywood is winning. And the wicked Democrat party is winning.

And the Moslems and the communists and the Nazis, the anti-Jews, they are winning because the church wants to do nothing but watch TV, play video games and buy pizza and this and that.

But not do anything really for the Lord, not fast for the people of God, not fast for the gospel, not fast for these Bibles, not give their tithes and offerings, not make a difference, a dent in this war.

Well, I just get down on my knees. I will pray for two minutes and that will suffice.

I've done my duty for the day. Let's mark that off the checklist. I said my prayer for the day. I don't have to give a crap the rest of the day. Amen.

The church needs to get saved. Amen. The church needs to get saved.

Let's go to 2 Chronicles chapter 20 where people listening for the first time were reading from the Alpha and the Omega Bible, a restoration of their original scriptures using older manuscripts than what was used for the King James Version.

They were using the Dead Sea Scrolls and other agent manuscripts, the Greek Septuagint, which the apostles used, the translation that was in use at the time of the apostles, which was not used for the translation of the King James, the Alpha and Omega Bible.

2 Chronicles 20, page 272, if you do have the one volume edition, page 272, 2 Chronicles 20.

If it seems like I'm beating you up or beating the church up today, please understand that this comes in the context of that we're running out of time and that the army of the Lord needs to be fully trained and fully equipped and fully ready for battle.

That we need to get on the army of the Lord that people are still in their pajamas.

That's in the context in which I am fighting today. So I hope that you understand the context that it's time for war.

2 Chronicles 20, verse 1, we're going to read, God willing, down through verse 23.

Verse 1, and after this came the children of Moab and the children of Ammon and with them some of the Minaeans against Jehoshaphat to battle the enemies of the Lord.

And they came and they told Jehoshaphat, saying, there has come against you a great multitude from Syria and from beyond the sea.

And behold, they are in this place, Asatan Thamar. This is this other land Engadi. And Jehoshaphat was alarmed and set his face to seek Jesus earnestly.

Let's pause right there. Bear with me for these brand new listeners that's never heard the sermons before.

King James in other translations says, to seek the Lord. To seek the Lord. But if you look at King James, it's in all capital letters where it says the Lord is in all capital letters.

But all the other words are not in all capital letters. There's a reason for that.

And if you was to read the introduction to your 1868 version of King James, which is what you have, it says in the introduction to that manuscript that you're reading that it's in all capitals to let you know that they changed the Bible.

I thought the Bible was perfect. I thought the Bible was never corrupted. But they admit they changed the Bible. They took out God's name and put the word the Lord in all capitals.

It stands out to let you know they changed it. A lot of times they don't do that.

They don't let you know all the words they changed. But they confess that one right out the front because people don't

read the introduction to their Bibles.

Most people have never read that. And I wouldn't be surprised if they don't even cut that part of the introduction in there anymore, but I know it used to be.

I wouldn't be surprised if they took that part out of the introduction. In the most recent ones, I wouldn't be surprised at all.

But then there's the debate, what is the name of God that they took out? And people would say Yahweh, Jehovah, Yahshua.

But what they don't realize is that the language of the Jewish people changed drastically during the Babylonian captivity.

Even the book of Daniel tells you there in chapter one, chapter two, that Daniel and the young Hebrew men that they was taught the Assyrian language, the tongue of the Chaldeans, the Babylonian Assyrian language, Aramaic.

And at that point of time, history picks up that yes indeed, not only was Daniel and the young men that have taken captivity to Babylon, but all the citizens and everybody, everybody, all of the entire Israelite, Hebrew race, they were forbidden by law to speak the paleo-Hebrew original tongue.

And it was commanded by law that they must learn the Assyrian language and use only the Assyrian language.

And at that point of time, the scripture was changed and even Daniel himself was not allowed by law to write in the original tongue language of the Hebrews that began to write in the Assyrian language.

And all scripture from that point on was translated into the Assyrian language and many corruptions, many things occurred and many changes was made.

And they changed the name of God from Jesus to YHWH and that's documented. Who is YHWH?

Translation is the Yah, which got converted to Allah. If you look at the origin of the word Allah, it's A-L, just like you see in front of Assad, the president of Syria and other Islamic world leaders, A-L in front of their names.

The Assad, the Yah, Allah, origin of is the Yah, origin of that is YHWH, if you go far back enough, the moon god, the sun god, the freemason god, the god of the freemasons.

If you want to know the original language and the original and true name of God that was taken out of the Old Testament, then you have to look at Greek, you have to look at Greek, you have to look at Greek.

Because if you compare side by side the letters of paleo-Hebrew of what Daniel and our other forefathers originally wrote the scriptures in and put those right next to the Greek letters, the paleo-Hebrew and the Greek matches, they are the same.

We have documented history that the tribe of Dan is the one that settled the land of Greece, the Spartans and others, that they are the ones that developed the Greek language, that the Greek language did descend from paleo-Hebrew.

If you want to know the true name of God in the Old Testament, then you must look at ancient Greek and that's why all the apostles wrote in Greek and that's why Jesus and the apostles used the Greek Old Testament.

They did not use the Aramaic, Chaldean Old Testament that Strong's Aquarius is pointing you to.

They did not use the Aramaic so much even though they did know it, they did use it some, but they used the Greek situation more.

It was the temple Pharisees, the temple priests, the temple very corrupt people, evil people that was against Christ that was using the Assyrian Bible.

The Aramaic Bible, Chaldean Bible, Assyrian Bible, whereas Jesus and the apostles used primarily the Greek situation. So it's Jesus.

Now get back to this verse and it says to seek Jesus earnestly in verse 3.

And he proclaimed a fast in all Judah, in all the land of Judah, in all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together to seek after Jesus and even from all the seeders of Judah that came to seek Jesus.

And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah in Jerusalem in the house of Jesus in front of the new court.

And he said, Jesus, theos of our fathers, are not you theos in heaven above and are not you Lord of all the kingdoms of the nations?

And is there not in you in your hand the power of dominion and there is no one who can resist you?

And are you not Jesus that did destroy the inhabitants of this land before the face of the people Jesrael?

And did give it to your beloved seed of Abraham forever? And they dwelt in it and built in it a sanctuary to your name, saying, If there should come upon us evils, sword, judgment, pestilence, famine, if it would stand before this house and before you, for your name is upon this house and we will cry to you because of the affliction and you shall hear and

deliver.

And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Sarah, with regard to whom you did not permit Jesrael to pass through their border, when they had come out of the land of Egypt, for they turned away from them and did not destroy them.

Yet now, behold, they make attempts against us to come forth to cast us out from our inheritance which you gave us.

That's what's happening right now in Israel. Is that Hamas and Hezbollah and Iran, Russia, China and others are trying to genocide and expel the Jews from the land given to them.

But what happened here in 2 Chronicles is that the leader of the people called a fast.

How come the Prime Minister of Israel today is not calling a fast? Amen? How come the presidents of America never call for a fast anymore? They did originally guarantee you.

It's all about the horses, it's all about the swords, it's all about how great our missiles are, who has the bigger missile.

It's all about human carnal power and pride rather than looking to the Lord for the salvation.

Have you got to use your missiles? Absolutely. You've got to pick up your stone and throw it. You've got to throw your arrows.

But the leaders of the nations should realize they are also the leaders of the church by divine nature.

Even the two witnesses that was in Zechariah, they were the leaders of the nation and the leader of the church.

The two men, one leader of the nation, one leader of the church coming together as a two witness company, as a team.

This is the way it should be today. The president of the nation.

And even the Antichrist is going to copy that pattern of the two witnesses. Amen?

Even the Antichrist, the president of Syria, Bashar Assad, he will be his name, that he will stand with the pope or with two popes probably most likely in the future and copy this pattern of a national political leader with a religious leader.

But this is the way it should be. Israel should be calling a fast right now. Right now as the missiles of Iran, as I read last night, that American intelligence satellites are seeing literally over 100 missiles being placed on the launch pad in Iran.

Over 100 missiles on the launch pad ready to fly any second, any hour, any day to Israel.

They're saying, well, we don't know if they're going to use all of them or if they're going to just fire two or three, four, five into Israel and then save the others for what happens next because Israel has already said that if Iran attacks Israel directly from within Iran rather than through proxy militias, if it's an actual long range missile coming directly from the land of Iran hitting directly in the land of Israel that they will reciprocate, that they will attack within Iran directly.

So this is a tit for tat. This is a very serious, extremely serious situation.

If Israel knows what good for them they will call a nationwide fast right now.

But no, they won't because of the left wing Democrat liberals within their Supreme Court and within their parliament that they should stone is what they should do, but you Christians are too wimpy for that and the Jews are too wimpy for that now.

Even the Jews have been watered down and weaponized by eating too much soy.

The whole world is just a bunch of wimps now, babies, crybabies.

It's the only thing we can find in this world anymore, no more men, no more Simpsons.

Goliath still exists everywhere as you look, but there's no Samson, there's no David anymore, there's no men of valor anymore.

Oh yeah, they like to talk tough, but talk comes easy, doesn't it?

And then the national leaders, they will be held responsible by God for being wimps, for not being tough against terrorism, for not being tough against communism, for not kicking out.

Mubarak was a great president of Egypt, President Mubarak of Egypt, back before Obama overthrew him literally.

Obama should have been arrested right there on the spot for overthrowing Mubarak.

Mubarak was a great leader of Egypt, awesome leader. They had peace with Israel, they had outlawed Nazism, they had outlawed communism, they had outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood.

He was a great leader. Obama destroyed them. Let's get back to scripture here. The enemy is against the land of Israel, they call it a fast. Amen.

I don't know where I was, but let's just go to verse 11. Yet now, behold, they make attempts against us to come forth to cast us from our inheritance, which you gave them in us.

Jesus our Theos, will you not judge them? For we have no strength to resist the great multitude that has come against us, and we do not know what we should do to them, for our eyes are for you.

And all Judah was standing before Jesus and the children and their wives, and Oziel, the son of Zacharias, of the children of Baniyas, of the sons of this man, the sons of Matthanias the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, and upon him came the spirit of Jesus in the assembly.

And he said, Here you are, O Judah, and the dwellers in Jerusalem and king Joazaphat.

Thus say of Jesus to you, Even you fear not, neither be alarmed before all this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's Theos.

Tomorrow, go you down against them. Behold, they come up by the ascent of Assis, and you shall find them at the extremity of the river of the desert of Jeriel.

It is not for you to fight, understand these things, and see the deliverance of Jesus with you, Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, neither be afraid to go forth tomorrow to meet them, and Jesus shall be with you.

And Joazaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and with all Judah and the dwellers in Jerusalem, and they fell before Jesus to worship Jesus.

And the Levites of the children of Caath, and they of the sons of Korah, rose up to praise Jesus, Theos of Israel, of a loud voice on high.

And they rose up early in the morning and went out to the desert of Thecoe. And they went out, and Joazaphat stood and cried and said, Hear me, Judah and the dwellers in Jerusalem, put your trust in Jesus, Theos, and your trust to be honored, trust in his prophet, and you shall prosper.

Pause right there at the end of verse 20. Trust in his prophet, and you shall prosper.

I want you to take your ink pen and write a Bible reference there. And that is Matthew 10, verse 41.

Matt 10, 41. Put your bookmark there. A piece of paper. We'll look to see what Matthew 10, verse 41 says.

Matthew 10, verse 41, page 633. Verse 41 says, He who receives a prophet by the authority of the prophet shall receive a prophet's reward.

Going back to two chronicles now, 2 Chronicles 20. Verse 20, Trust in his prophet, and you shall prosper.

In other words, God does have true apostles and true prophets. The Bible never does away with that, despite what you've heard in the church of Google and the church of YouTube and other false churches, demonic churches, the synagogue of Satan.

The Bible never does away with prophets. In fact, we see that there's going to be the two witnesses in the great tribulation.

But even before that, God has always and forever have prophet. God does not change.

He changes not. He's the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We serve the same God of Moses. We serve the same God of Daniel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel.

We serve the same God that they fasted to insult deliverance here in 2 Chronicles.

The same God. He's always had prophets and apostles, always will. Amen. And his servants, the prophets and apostles, are his chosen elect, his chosen people to give his word, his message, his warning, his messages to the land, to the people, to the inhabitants of the land, to the church, to government.

Their word is the word of God. Their word is the word of God. Amen.

Continuing in verse 21 here in Chronicles 21.

He took counsel with the people and appointed men to sing songs and praises, to give thanks and to sing the holy songs of praise, in going forth before the host, before the multitude.

And they said, give thanks to Jesus, for his mercy endures forever. And when they began the praise and the thanksgiving, Jesus calls the children of Ammon to fight against Moab and the inhabitants of Mount Seir that came out against Judah, and they were routed, or rerouted, and the children of Ammon and Moab rode up against the dwellers of Mount Seir to destroy and consume them, and when they had made an end of destroying the inhabitants of Seir, they rose up against one another, so that they were utterly destroyed.

That's a beautiful sight. Amen. They were going to fight Israel, and they started fighting one another. And that is the natural nature, really, of wicked people, is that they will eat their own. Amen.

The wicked will turn on themselves. Absolutely. And even the Bible even predicts that about Babylon. Doesn't it?

In the book of Revelation, who is that and what is that? The beast will hate the whore. The beast will hate the whore

and consume her with fire.

That's beautiful. Let's put a cross reference to that right there. So here in 2 Chronicles 20, the Word of God is awesome. Beautiful and powerful.

At the end of verse 23. At the end of verse 23. I think I'll make a note to this. And we're going to find it in the book of Revelation.

We'll put a bookmark there in 2 Chronicles as we go search Revelation for that verse.

I'm thinking maybe chapter 17, 18. Chapter 17, verse 16, I think. Right here, chapter 17, 17, verse 16. And the tin horns which you saw and the evil beast.

These will hate the whore and will make her desolate and naked and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. Now at one time they were cooperating. At one time they were together. Amen. But now they turn against each other and consume one another.

Revelation and we're going to cross reference that. So as you are still in Revelation 17, verse 16, we're going to add a reference at the end of that verse referring back to 2 Chronicles 20, verse 23.

What a great cross reference. Say that. God is good. 2 Chronicles 20, verse 23 and Revelation 17, verse 16.

So let me turn back to Chronicles and add that reference at the end of verse 23 or to the side of it wherever we can see it in Revelation 17, 16.

17, 16. That's called studying the Bible. It's called growing in the knowledge of the Lord. It's called divine revelation. It's called the movement of the Holy Ghost and the presence of God. Amen. Things like that you don't see in the typical church. Amen.

We're learning together, we're growing together, we're hearing the voice of the Lord together. Amen.

What a beautiful cross-reference. Amen. God is great. God is so good.

The wicked. They'll eat themselves. They will. Amen.

The final victory is guaranteed to be ours if we're on the right side of the battle.

The wicked, will they there destroy themselves?

Now, with all this said, finally, we conclude the sermon with these words that as we head toward the Passover, it is important for certain people to be fasting.

It's not necessarily a requirement for everybody. Different people have different things going on in their life, different battles, different struggles, different sins, different things happening in their lives.

But it's the most important for new people that are just coming into the knowledge of the truth and just now coming into the true church and into understanding the truth is more important for that type of person to fast more often, more and more.

Because when you first come into the truth, you have so much more of a temptation to fall away.

You're still weak. Your roots are not very firmly planted yet. And you need to draw close to God, to fast, to keep repenting, to keep growing in the truth, to stay very strong in God, to develop those strong roots, develop your relationship with God, your relationship with him, and strengthen your faith and all these things is very vital in those early stages to be fasting.

But even for the older people that's been in the truth for a long time, there are times to fast.

And you do know that previously I've spoken also of warning many times to not overly fast, to not make it a ritual, to not fast to the extent where it's going to hurt your health.

A lot of people think that fasting all by itself automatically makes them holy, which it doesn't.

It doesn't automatically make you holy. There's a lot of wicked people that fast as well.

Even the Pharisees fasted much. They did. The Pharisees fasted more than Jesus, the Bible says, even more than the disciples of Jesus.

That really Jesus and the disciples didn't fast very often because they was with the Lord.

And when they was confronted with that, Jesus said, why fast when the bridegroom is with you?

And that's what I'm saying is that after you have developed that really strong foundation and your roots have grown really deep in the Lord and you really are truly saved for change, rather than all that false Christianity, you don't have to fast as often as you get older in the Lord.

More so when you're actually digging those roots and forming those roots. Amen. But there is a time for fasting for all of us when there are urgent situations with what occurred with Jonathan and other spiritual battles and physical battles, there's a time for fasting and should not be totally neglected.

You need to hear the voice of the Lord on that. Feel the guidance of the Holy Ghost about when to fast and when it

would be fruitful and not fruitful to know the difference.

The Holy Ghost leads us in our life, our lives, our activities, our decisions to be led by the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost comes from having that relationship, being able to hear the voice of the Lord for yourself.

Even though the Lord speaks to us through his apostles and prophets and through the scriptures, he also should be able to reach us individually, which should each one know him enough to come to know his voice enough to where we have his leadership, his words, his speaking to us on a personal level.

Preparation for the Great Tribulation, endurance, being able to go longer periods without food is something that we all need to build up our tolerance for without suffering repercussions of mineral loss, vitamin nutrient loss, and it depends also on your health, what kind of health conditions you deal with, about how much you can fast.

So we're all individuals, but we should not overly use excuses to never, ever, ever, ever fast.

We have to be growing in our endurance.

Okay, I'll open up the chat room now, and of course there are many other examples of fasting.

We don't have to go through every example. We know the book of Ezra, how they fasted there for the deliverance of the Judeans and the Jews.

The entire nation of people was delivered out of the hands of the enemies because the people humbled themselves and fasted, sought the face of the Lord.

We know that Nineveh also was delivered because they fasted, amen, and repented of their sins, but only for a time in the season until however many years it was later when they went back to their old ways and their sins, as is typical with people and was destroyed, Nineveh was, amen.

So that's why it's important to continue to test ourselves and examine ourselves on a yearly basis as we come up toward Passover and as we come up toward the Day of Atonement to examine ourselves again and again and again on a yearly basis, two times a year and really continually all the time because it's possible to be delivered and saved and then fall away.

The Bible is very clear on that, very clear on that, extremely clear. And people are very, very, very, very deceived if you think you cannot lose your salvation.

If you would just read the Bible, 2 Peter 2 verse 22, John 15, the Bible is full of such examples that you can't absolutely lose your salvation if you're not careful.

Alright, let's see. Calm Adam says, Psalm 41 verse 1, For the end of the song of David, blessed be the man who thinks about the poor and needy.

Jesus shall deliver him in an evil day. Amen. And Bountiful Servant in Jamaica, it has been a challenging week. I thank God for his continued blessings.

Praise Jesus. Amen. Every bit of us, every one of us, all of us are enduring great challenges. It's a difficult time to live in. Amen.

But we have to praise the Lord, testify as these guys are doing that God is faithful to get us through. Amen.

Look to the author and finisher of our faith. Praise God. Brother Jared, you have anything?

As the chat room is open, I also look at WhatsApp, Telegram, text message. I live there.

See if anybody sent a message. And this is the time for testimonies as well as if you have a song to play or a song to sing.

Or if God laid a specific Bible verse on your heart this week that you would like to share as well.

And Calm Adam in Kansas. Post it. 2 Corinthians 13 verse 5. Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith.

Examine yourselves or do you not recognize this about yourselves that Jesus the Christ is in you unless you indeed fail the test. Amen.

Coming up for communion, Passover, one week away, April the 22nd. And then unleavened bread from that evening for seven days. Now in this next week, you need to be looking to what you have in your homes that has leavening as part as the ingredient of bread products.

We're not worried about yeast being in beer, wine, or soup unless the soup has a bread grain in it.

We're talking about unleavened and leavening bread. That's the topic for the unleavened bread week.

The week of unleavened bread, you're dealing with bread grains. Is the bread grain leavened, puffed up, aired up, gassed up with a leavening agent which could be yeast or baking soda, sodium bicarbonate, even eggs can do that.

But we're talking about bread grains, bread products. We're not talking about beans because beans is not a bread grain.

We're not talking about beans being soaked full of water. That's not the same as being puffed up by gases. And when we're talking about leavening and unleavening, we're talking about gases having been released inside the bread or could be released inside the bread if we were to bake it. That's what we're talking about. Move all those things, either eat it up, give it away, give it to friends, give it to family in these next seven days before Passover. And then as far as ingredients go, you're baking soda and stuff like that. If you have a storage unit that is off campus, outside your property, or if you give it to your parents or brothers or sisters or a friend's house to hold for you for one week. And if you don't have any of those things, you can put it in your basement, your attic, your closet, out of the way. As long as you're not touching it and using it during the days of unleavened bread. But it's better, scripturally, to get it completely off your property if you have that resource available to you. Most people have family, friends, storage unit, something. And if you don't have any of those, then God's not going to send you to hell just because you did put the baking soda in your closet. Now he would have, back in the old covenant days, but not in the new covenant because even though he's always been full of grace and mercy, we are under an increase of grace and mercy in that context, in that way. It's more about recognizing the symbolism, the importance of the symbolism, and not eating it. That's the most important part.

Now a baking soda that you use for brushing your teeth, that's not going to be considered as a leavening because that's not the purpose that you bought it for. That's not the purpose you're using it for. So you don't have to hide that away. Eggs, it's okay to eat eggs even though they're puffed up because it's not a bread grain. Eggs are not a bread grain. But if you just put those eggs inside some flour, then it would be a leavening. But just to eat eggs by themselves without adding it to some type of a bread grain, that is not a form of leavened bread. Rice, even though it might be considered by some people as a bread grain, is not puffed up by gases. It's really just swollen with water. That's all it is, swollen with water. That's the difference between puffed up with gases. So you can have rice. You've got the one type of dry rice puffs but that's pretty rare.

Jared, you got anything?

"You were talking about the importance of prophets and how the kings should obey them.

What we see now is more like what's described here in this section."

Okay. From 2 Chronicles 24 verse 17.

And it came to pass after the death of Jodae, that the princes of Judah went in, and bowed to the king. Then the king listened to and obeyed them. And they forsook the house of Jesus, Theos of their fathers, and served Easter idols, and there was wrath upon Judah and Jerusalem in that day.

Yet he sent prophets to them to turn them to Jesus, but they did not listen and obey.

He testified to them, but they obeyed not. And the spirit of Theos came upon Azarias, which is Zechariah, the son of Jodad, the priest, and he stood up above the people and said, Thus saith Jesus, Why do you transgress the commandments of Jesus?

So shall you not prosper. For you have forsaken Jesus, and he will forsake you.

Amen. So we see that has happened many times throughout history, that the nations and the people, and the people of God, have forsaken Jesus to go after the worship of Easter, Christmas, Sunday, Trinity, pre-trib rapture, flat earth, all kinds of foolishness that they have gone after to worship, rather than worshipping Jesus.

They have forsaken wisdom, logic, intelligence. They have forsaken their creator, their father, for the false doctrines of foolish, false, ignorant, ridiculous teachers on YouTube. Amen.

And they think they're so wise and so smart, and they will not reconcile, they will not say, Pastor Tim, I was wrong. They won't reconcile, as the Bible says they will. Amen. They want to stay stuck in their flat earth of insanity.

Okay, what else?

"I think of all these hypocrites who say they serve the Lord with all their heart... yet they really serve the Lord one percent of the time, or point one percent of the time, or zero percent of the time.

There ought to be an outcome and an epitaph for that sort of behavior, which is that they die of blood loss. Then it says on their grave, 'Here lies so and so. He still has all the heart he served the Lord with.'" Amen. God is good. Amen.

And we have some new songs, and let's try to get one of those new songs and start practicing these songs. These songs have been uploaded on the Parrhesia Christian Social Network, which is our main channel of communication with the church.

And let's see. Let's go to page 28. This is the brand new page 28. Help is on the way.

Copyright 2024 I Saw The Light Ministries
www.isawthelightministries.com