

June 14, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4

PRAYER & WELCOME

SONG SERVICE

COMMUNITY MOMENT

CORPORATE PRAYER

Marc & Cindy

MESSAGE from the Word

Pastor Steve

"Fasting Without Hypocrisy"

Matthew 6:16-18

INVITATION & BENEDICTION

Thank you for worshipping with us today

LADIES – We will begin our Tuesday morning prayer time this week June 16th, from 8:30 – 9:00 in the Chapel. Join us in praying for our families, church leaders, community, & elected officials!



Will be starting up again this Wednesday, June 17th, from 11:00 to 12:30 and each Wednesday following. Paula Zillmer will teach on *The Names of God* June 17, 24 & July 1. We will be looking at chapters 34, 35 and 36. Beginning July 8, we will continue with *Systematic Theology*. We are very excited to begin our Ladies' Bible study again and will have social distancing seating in the Meeting Place. Bring your lunch or snack to eat during our time together. *Nancy*

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: II KINGS 13 & 14

Our Offering Box is Located in the rear of the Chapel

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"Fasting Without Hypocrisy"

Matthew 6:16-18

The Bible records no teaching of fasting for P_____ reasons.

Old Testament commanded only one fast annually on that day (the Day of Atonement) all the people were to "H_____ [their] S_____" (Le. 16:29; cf. 23:27). Fasting is an entirely noncompulsory, V_____ act, not a spiritual D_____ to be regularly observed.

I. WRONG FASTING IS P_____ FASTING v16

One wrong way of fasting was not a matter of spiritual conviction but a means of S_____ -G_____.

Another wrong way of fasting was a ritual to gain M_____ with God and A_____ before men.

When the H_____ is not right, fasting is a sham and a mockery.

II. P_____ FASTING vv17-18

Proper fasting is a legitimate form of spiritual D_____.

The single prescribed occasion for fasting has C_____ to exist. (He. 10:10)

Fasting is associated primarily with M_____ or other times of consuming spiritual need or anxiety.

Fasting is appropriate during times of S_____.

Fasting on occasions of D_____ G_____ is a natural human response.

Fasting is often prompted by overwhelming D_____.

Fasting was sometimes associated with the _____

We tend not to seek fasting with I_____ and D_____.

Fasting often accompanied the beginning of an I_____ task or ministry.

Fasting has no more power to A_____ godly leadership than it has to:

- ❖ A_____ F_____
- ❖ P_____, or
- ❖ Any other good thing from God.

Fasting is likely to be a part of sincerely desiring to know the Lord's W_____ and have His P_____ before

- ❖ D_____ are made,
- ❖ P_____ are laid, or
- ❖ A_____ are taken.

People who are consumed with concern before God do not take a lunch break.

In every scriptural account genuine fasting is linked with P_____. Fasting has no value, and becomes sin and a spiritual H_____ when done for any reason apart from knowing and following the Lord's will.

Fasting is always linked with a P_____ heart and must be associated with obedient, godly L_____. Those Israelites lived only for T_____ (v6).

There can be no right fasting apart from:

- A right H_____
- Right L_____ and
- A right A_____.

CONCLUSION:

Genuine fasting is simply a P_____ O_____ - concentrated, intense prayer and concern:

- ✚ For the L_____
- ✚ His W_____ and
- ✚ His W_____.