

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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\_\_\_\_\_.