

Talk It Over January 14-15, 2023

"[Rather] is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every [enslaving] yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house—when you see the naked, that you cover him, and that you hide not yourself from [the needs of] your own flesh and blood? Then shall your light break forth like the morning, and your healing (your restoration and the power of a new life) shall spring forth speedily; your righteousness (your rightness, your justice, and your right relationship with God) shall go before you [conducting you to peace and prosperity], and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, Here I am. If you take away from your midst yokes of oppression [wherever you find them], the finger pointed in scorn [toward the oppressed or the godly], and every form of false, harsh, unjust, and wicked speaking."- Isaiah 58:6-9 (AMPC)

In the midst of our challenging times, let us not forget God's absolutes concerning His children:

He made us in His image, after His likeness (Gen. 1:26).

He made us a little lower than Himself (Psalm 8:5).

We will one day judge the angels (I Cor. 6:3).

It is in that communion with Him that we discover our identity, our purpose, and our destiny.

Our mission is to repair the breach between man and God and to restore the pathway to God.

For almost 6,000 years, we lived in a world where the sanctity of life, of marriage, and of gender were accepted and valued.

In America, we enjoyed biblical protection, a carefully guarded fence around marriage, sex life, family life, the right to personal privacy and choice, and the right to free speech.

Today, that wall of biblical protection is in ruins, and life is losing its meaning.

Yet, we are not hopeless in correcting this dismal downturn in morality caused by sin, rejection of God, and a great lack of biblical instruction.

Its real purpose is to become unselfish. It is the giving up of anything that may hinder us in the main purpose of our life – that we may become fit for His use in establishing His Kingdom on Earth.

Prayer and fasting bring revelation, healing, protection, provision, answers, His Presence.

In prayer and fasting, you repossess your soul and experience the deepest springs of inward cleansing and renewal.

You arise with passion, energy, and a readiness to obey.

That is the Fasted Life.

Additional Scriptures: Isaiah 58:6-12 (MSG)

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