

The Job Fast

We are in the season where we take an eight month break from Christmas.

Entering 21 days of praying and fasting for revival with the theme verse being Hebrews

Revival defined.

1. Seeing God in a more real way than ever before (three that I have experienced)
 - a. Hush where you are afraid to make a sound
 - b. Joy that can overwhelm a person
 - c. Repentance in life.
2. People coming into relationship with Jesus who were not in relationship before.
3. Society changed (healings, morality)

Hebrews 12: 12 By strengthening our weak arms and feeble knees, we become strong and fight the battles for those around us. This should really be luring because inside of us is a desire to fix things

EXAMPLE: Driving and daughter falling down steps.

Not being mean spirited at all, we just want to fix things and make them right.

I. GOD'S FAST IS TO FIX THINGS

Isaiah 58: 6 – 11

The fast was a way for them to pause and to stop spending their lives on their own appetites and to spend it on the lives of others.

There was a man in the Bible who lived a life like this and he is found in Job 29: 8, 12 – 17

The bible does not say that Job felt for the poor or that he prayed for the fatherless or even that he sympathized with the helpless it says that he delivered them.

II. RESULT OF THE FAST

Job was a man who got God's attention and when he got God's attention, he also got satan's attention.

Satan always has a complaint against God.

“People only serve you because you bless them. Take away your hedge of protection and they will curse you.”

Battle of the ages was going to happen.

Job suffered not because of his own sins, but as a champion in the battle of the ages. Carrying on God’s purposes at great personal costs, so that through it all the name of God might be glorified.

Key Point:

Job was entrusted with the responsibility of defending God’s honor

COMPLAINT: Look at what he all went through. This in reality was only a week of Job’s life.

III. GOD’S CHAMPIONS

Matthew 10 story of the picking of the twelve disciples.

1. Authority given to you Vs 1
2. Trust for finances Vs 9, 10
3. Trust for their own lives Vs 16
4. No fear but trust Vs 28 – 31
5. God’s reward for champions Vs 32 – 33

Don’t want the enemy to have unhindered access to my life, children or home, but I do want God to be able to have unlimited access to my wife and children and home to use for his glory.

6. Taking up cross and following Jesus Vs 37 – 39

Uz means place of wood
Job means hated and despised.

Job had a heart that would not bend in the heat of battle.

Oh that it was inscribed on rock. I know that my redeemer lives.

This is someone who fixed a statement for eternity in his life, satan’s life, and the lives of all those around him.