

Persistence in Prayer

Text: (Dan 9:1-4)

Old Timers called it - *Praying Through = Persistence*

Sinners don't have to pray through to be saved: Salvation is instantaneous, not a process! Jn 3:36 "Hath" Has NOW!

Bible Proof of Instant Salvation:

Jn 1:12

Jn 3:3, 9-12 Picture of a birth. You are not born till you are all the way out!

Jn 3:16,18 Belief is a choice. *Illus: Can't be partially Pregnant!*

Jn 5:24

Jn 6:47

Rom 10:13

Instant Salvation Examples:

Lk 18:13-14 Publican Praying in the temple

Lk 23:42-43 Thief on the Cross

Acts 16:14-15 Lydia's Testimony

Acts 16:32-34 Philippian Jailor

Reasons why Christians are to Pray Through: Persistent, believing, intercessory, agonizing prayer is proper for a Christian when he takes his burdens to God.

Examples: Gen 22:24-29 Jacob Wrestling with God

Dan 9:3-4

Dan 10:2- He prayed and fasted 3 weeks

Neh 1:4 Prayed and fasted "Certain Days"

Acts 9:9,11 Paul Prayed and fasted for 3 days

Lk 11:5-8 "Importunity"

Lk 18:1-8 Parable of the unjust Judge

Fasting and Prayer: Lk 11:34-35; Mark 9: 28-29

What is Fasting and Prayer: - *Putting God First.*

There is times we ought to eat and Praise God. Ps103:2,5

There is times when sleep is the will of God. Ps 127:2; Ps 3:5
Every good gift is given of God and meant to be enjoyed. Jam 1:17

Fasting: To earnestly seek the face God, (Thus Prayer), and for a time put off *Lesser Blessings* in order to receive the *Greater One*.

Putting God first when we pray, wanting it more than food, drink, etc.

Illus: There are many occasions when we abstain from certain food or drink, Football training, Medical tests, etc. None of which involves prayer.

Fasting means Persistence in Prayer: We all pray often, but not much! LK 18:3 "Continual Coming"

Fasting is the deliberate clearing of the way for prayer, laying aside weights and hindrances. Heb 12:1-2, Matt13:22 *Choke the Word*

Fasting ought to be simply claiming the answer to prayers.
Heb 11:6 fasting pictures a greater desire, determination, and faith.

Fasting is an expression of Mourning.

David- 2 Sam 12:16,21 mourning for the afflicted child.

Samuel- 1 Sam 15:11 Mourning over Saul's Rejection.

Things we get by Fasting and Prayer:

1. Help in times of trouble: Ps 50:15; Judges 20:26
2. Find what is displeasing to God. Josh 7:6 "Until Eventide".
3. Genuine Repentance can involve P & F Zech 12:10-14 Jam 4:9
4. Victory over Sin:
5. Heavenly wisdom received from P & F: Acts 13:1-3
6. Intercession for Others:
7. Holy Spirit Power: Acts 10:30

Revival through Prayer and Fasting: Acts 1:4,5, 12-14, 2:1-4,