

**Revivals And Church History :: Storming Enemy Fortifications With Fasting And Prayer -moore****Storming Enemy Fortifications With Fasting And Prayer -moore - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/1/7 15:44****Storming Enemy Fortifications With Fasting And Prayer***by Sarah Foulkes Moore*

There is one decisive ground of battle in the world today and it is the battleground of prayer! To gamble with the idea of praying or not praying is to court disaster. Why wait? Do not look to what others are doing or not doing. Yourself make a covenant with God to seek Him till He comes and rains righteousness upon the whole unrighteous situation of today!

In dealing with a satanic condition Jesus said, "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." There are fortifications of the enemy that cannot be stormed except as fasting is added to prayer. The whole world today is invaded by the forces of hell.

Fasting prayer cripples Satan. Fasting is a powerful weapon against satanic forces. When the enemy came in like a flood in the days of Nineveh and in the days of Esther, they fasted and turned him back. So must we today employ this weapon in an all-out against Satan.

Even though many of God's saints cannot pray, they can fast, and fasting is accepted by the Lord as a token of urgent, desperate prayer, even though without words except the mute longings of the soul. As you fast, prayer is sharpened and a spirit of prayer will be given you.

Those who quail before the rigors of Scriptural, systematic fasting should discipline themselves by going on a Daniel's fast. Some may ask, what is a Daniel's fast? It is abstaining from all pleasant food. While Daniel set his face to seek the Lord he ate legumes, such as peas and beans—no meat or wine of the king's table, no cake and pastries, candies, ice cream or things pleasant to the taste. It is eating only enough food to give strength to seek and to serve the Lord.

We cheat ourselves when we do not avail ourselves of the grace of fasting. It is one of the most enriching graces I know of. It is the easiest of all sacrifices to offer unto the Lord, a sacrifice of sweet savour.

While fasting, the mind might suffer despair, the body, weakness that amounts to pain, but when you break the fast wisely, you feel, or at least I feel, that I have ascended to new heights from whence I reach out to Him in a purer devotion, a holier passion, and a lovelier surrender that makes Him Lord of all.

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion...that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock...that chant to the sound of the viol...that drink wine...anoint themselves with the chief ointments. But they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph" (Amos 6).

This is God's pronouncement of woe upon the spiritual, self-seeking among the people of God who seek blessing upon blessing upon their own surfeited souls and leave a sin-bound world reeling to ruin. It is this curse of God that rests upon the self-seeking of His people today.

"I humbled my soul with fasting" (Psalm 35:13).

Why not heed this alarm in Zion? Why not put on spiritual sackcloth and in self-denial, fast and pray for a heaven-sent revival of righteousness to sweep through our land and from our shores to other shores?

**Re: Storming Enemy Fortifications With Fasting And Prayer -moore - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/2/4 1:20**

you are so right. I have seen how we are fools, because we leave prayer out. I was pleading with a brother in Christ. Seek God today, why wait. Stop loving the world. There was a book by John Piper about fasting and praying I read, about a year after I came to Christ. After I started fasting and praying I tasted the sweetness of God. It fired my passion to live for My King of Glory, it birthed in me a hunger for God. So many people say they want God, and yet they give Him so little, then ask Him to bless them. They say they want Him, and yet they don't seek Him.

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I ask God to give the Church this heart to fast that we might have urgent and desperate prayers.  
I ask this for myself. for this makes my heart heavy, my heart yearns for a fast like that. That my soul might long for Christ with such passion with such desperation. To be filled with the spirit of prayer.

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It is time that we fast, to seek His face. To want Him. To stop wanting this world. If we want power we have to seek Him and wait on Him. As we see Christ in all His glory, our hearts are stirred to give our lives to Him. From the first time I fasted and the many times through the years, I have seen this same thing happen in my own heart. I have seen how fasting can show my wicked ways and the holiness of God in a greater way.

I am left with the question, do we want God? I look at my church and leaders I work with, and it seems they don't want to seek God. They love their lives and all their things. I ask them to come and pray, or let us seek God in all our ways. They like their own ways, yet they want God's power. There is power when they truly are hungry for God. When they are willing to give up these things they thought were so valuable, to only find out that Christ was worth more than gold. But there is pride in our ministry, and our works. We must humble ourselves. If they do not become desperate for God then how will they fast?

My heart weeps for I want God reason for life, I want to fasted like that. I am suppose to be fasting now, for 40 days with a friend. I don't want this fast to be in vain, I want God, and want my heart to long and cry out for Him. I want power, I do not want to wait another day. You are right, we shouldn't wait.  
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