

A Divine Appointment Pt. 3

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- * There is a direct connection to Humility, Seeking, Prayer and Fasting
- * This births a deepened desire to seek the face of God – HIS PRESENCE

When this takes place - Men and Women will TURN from their Sin

Lifestyles will change – because of the PRESENCE the LORD

- * Sins are forgiven.

The Word of God then tells us that the Land will be Healed

- * When the Land is being healed there will be an increase of prayers offered in that Land
- * Thus the Lord will consecrate that place or set it aside for His Purpose
- * He will set His name in that Land! – His name shall be in the Land

Genesis 3:8 [KJ]

“And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden [Land] in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden”

As you can see; because of sin they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord

- * Sin affected their relationship with God
- * Sin affected them standing in the Presence of the Lord
- * Sin broke a covenant not only with God and Man but also with God and the Land

Genesis 3: 23-24 [KJ]

“Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim’s, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life”

- * The scripture tells us that God drove out man
- * Adam did not want to leave Eden
- * Adam knew that sin had a price but never the less did not want to leave the Presence, Power, Security, of the Lord and His provision

God set Cherubim’s and a flaming sword to protect the tree of life

So we see again that the atmosphere that Adam and Eve were living in changed.

Their Relationship with God was affected - **the Land was affected by**

SIN

Genesis 4:16(KJV)

“And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the **land of Nod , on the east of Eden.**

- * **Nod: "wandering"** - *Land to which Cain fled or wandered after the murder of Abel*
- * The word tells us that Cain went from the Presence of the Lord
- * Adam and Eve may have been banished from Eden but they still stayed with the Lord and their sons knew the Presence of the Lord
- * The Bible tells us that Cain went out of the Presence of the Lord to Nod simply he went wandering in Sin – The Land of wandering

- * But also note that Cain dwelt in the Land of Nod on the *east of Eden*
- * The Bible tells us that God placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life”
- * Just out side the entrance of Eden – a wandering Land

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“And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod , on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch”

- * Cain and his wife had a son and named him Enoch
- * The name means beginner, dedicated, or initiated

Cain was hoping that his son would give him a new beginning—a new start—in life

- * But the new beginning was not with God, but apart from God
- * Cain was hoping and working for a new beginning within the secular world
- * He wanted a fresh start within the world, not with God

Cain began to build a city

Note - How Cain is seeking to settle down, to build roots—a fixed residence—right here on earth – in the Land of Wandering

- * He should have been seeking heaven in order to settle the restlessness and wandering of his soul

There is nothing wrong with building a house on earth in which to live, but the first thing we should seek is a home in heaven

- * Only when we seek heaven will we find true rest and a permanent resting place
- * Cain and the city he built [The Land] that Cain settled on was not in covenant with God

Deuteronomy 4: 29

"But if from thence [from idolatry, from forsaking the Lord] thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul"

Matthew 6:33

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"

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The Divine Experiment - 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

- * Seeking God's face is an important component in **RENEWING COVENANT** with God
- * Simply seeking God's Presence draws us close to Him personally
- * Prayer and Fasting individually and then corporately prepares us for the Presence of the Lord so the Lord feels welcome in our hearts, lives, families, congregations, businesses, communities

Prayer – FastingRepentanceSeeking the Presence of the Lord – His Dwelling Presence

- * This City Wide time of Fasting and Prayer is unto consecration and greater intimacy with God
- * God is about to Settle in our City in a very Powerful Way!

Jonah Goes to Nineveh

Jonah 3: 1-10

“Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:

2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you”

* In the present Scripture, the prophet Jonah gets a second chance to serve the Lord.

* When the Lord first called him, the prophet foolishly fled from the Lord.

* He rebelled against God’s call, refused to do what God asked.

God disciplined Jonah, the prophet wisely repented of his rebellion

* Consequently, God was then ready to give Jonah a new beginning, a fresh start.

* Jonah Is Given a Second Chance to Fulfill His Mission

The prophet Jonah was given a second chance by the Lord

* Our God is the God of second chances, the God of a new life and a new beginning.

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3 Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was **a very important city**—a visit required three days.

4 On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”

5 The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth”

* Because Jonah repented – A man of the second chance

* Jonah spoke the Word of God and a city – began to Fast!

Jonah 3: 6-9

“6 When the news reached *the king of Nineveh*, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

7 *Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh*: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. *Let everyone call [Pray] urgently on God*. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

9 Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish”

- * News of the Fast and Prayer reached the king
- * Leadership of the city, overseers of the Land were move by the message and Presence of the Lord

The king joined in making the Fast and Pray a proclamation

- * The king said let everyone call [pray] urgently to God
- * Let everyone give up their evil ways

Jonah 3: 10

10 *When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways*, he had compassion and *did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened”*

- * God seen that they did turn from their evil lifestyle
- * The Lord had compassion and by His Grace and Mercy moved upon the people of Nineveh and the Land

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Examples of Fasting and Prayer and the Purpose God Had in It

Ezra the priest fasted for God's protection

- * We can fast for God's protection - (Ezra 8:21-23)
- * Ezra and Gods People were moving forward to repair and rebuild

Daniel the prophet fasted for the fulfillment of God's promises

- * He received mighty revelations from God - (Daniel 10:3)
- * God used Daniel mightily because he Fasted and Prayed

Jesus fasted and spoke the Word of God to overcome Satan

- * **Full** of the Holy Spirit Jesus was led into the wilderness
(Matthew 4:1-10; Luke 4:1-14)
- * **Empowered** by the Holy Spirit Jesus come out of the wilderness
- * Prayer and Fasting – The Holy Spirit prepares us and empowers us
- * The Prayer time and Fasting was at the very beginning of his public ministry, and have the power of God and the anointing - (Luke 4:14)

Elijah needed to fast 40 days before he heard God's voice again

- * Elijah fasted and prayed before he faced Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 19:8)

Moses fasted to receive the Ten Commandments and the Law of God

- * Every Godly Leader must incorporate Prayer and fasting in their life
- * Before one can be led by God they must spend time with God

The elders, prophets and teachers in Antioch fasted

- * Resulted in the launching of Paul and Barnabas' apostolic ministry to the Gentiles (Acts 13:2,3)
- * Likewise we should fast and pray before getting involved in full time ministry and mission work.

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Jesus says to us in [Matthew 6:16](#) - "When you fast..." not "If you fast". A true disciple of the Lord will fast at times

* God made it clear through the prophet Joel that the last days outpouring of the Spirit will be in proportion to our fasting and crying out to God in humility, hunger and repentance - ([Joel 1:5](#); [Joel 2:12](#))

Conclusion

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- * **Mark down this Day** – January 24th as a Day to Prepare
- * **Mark down this time** of Prayer and Fasting – January 25 – February 14
- * **Mark this down** – This year 2010 – The Lord is dealing with Government, Law and Restoration

Lets all participate in this Fast

We are fasting for the Presence of the Lord to settle in our Life

We are fasting for the Presence of the Lord to settle in our City

We are fasting for the Presence of the Lord to Transform Terre Haute

History is being made and God is using you my friends!

This corporate Fast includes over 13 area Church's – Praying and Fasting for 21 Days!

Are you personally ready to commit to this powerful move of God?