

Quotable Quotes

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Every wave that hits your boat, every timber and bolt that holds the boat together, and every creature you haul aboard with every breath and muscle you use belongs to God. When the day's catch is in, it is God's mercy that you come home. Shall we, therefore, not worship God?

Thought Pertaining "Prayer & Fasting"

God's people fasted for many reasons as recorded in Scripture. Fasting is practised by many religious groups, in a most zealous way. Some groups are Muslims. Hindus, and Buddhists. Sadly, there seems to be little of the above practiced among many Christian denominations even though it was encouraged by the Lord Jesus Christ, and practised by the early church.

There were many reasons in time past when Christians sought the presence of God through fasting and prayer. David prayed and fasted when his little boy was sick unto death, and when Saul and his sons were killed. Throughout the Bible the people confessed their sins and prayed and fasted when there were crisis situations.

A most striking revelation of truth is found in Matthew 9:15. The question was asked by John's disciples why Jesus' disciples did not fast as they and the very pious Pharisees did? The answer, "And can the children of the bride-chamber mourn, as long as the bride groom is with them?" The inference is that we need to be praying and fasting when we know that the heavens are like brass and the enemy despises all biblical injunctions against them. Genuine prayer and fasting comes from a broken and contrite heart that is aware of sin that has removed God from our midst and we, consequently, face extremely serious days. Jesus said, "When the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast." Matt.

9:15(b). When the Holy Spirit of God is grieved, we will know it, if there has ever been a genuine relationship with God that flooded the soul with His presence and is now absent, we know it.

We will do well to consider prayer and fasting as a means of drawing closer to God, gain spiritual strength and have the presence of God in revival and evangelistic power, which has been missing for many years in most of our lives and churches.

May we consider prayer and fasting as a great privilege in times of great distress of spiritual needs among us and in the community. The acuteness of spiritual dearth is seen in the fact that men are oblivious to their spiritual needs.

Matt. 6:18 “That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: And thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

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