

CONSECRATION 2016

Week 4 ★ **January 24 - 31, 2016**

Binding The Strong Man

For the benefit of you who only like to know the final countdown, our consecration will end after 6PM on the 31st. I thought it would help if you were not going to read any further to mention that this week we will ask everybody to abstain from all meat. Having said that, Jesus said, “my meat is to do the will of Him that sent me” (John 4:34).



It is essential that we know what the will of God is for our lives this year and beyond. In prayer on Friday night, I spoke about the temptations of Christ in Matthew 4. The Bible states that Jesus was led or driven into (Luke 8:29) the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. During His 40 days of fasting, demons were attacking Him in His mind for the entire time. If you did not know, 40 is the number of trials. Jesus was put through the test and The Father allowed this to happen. You and I are also going to be put to the test. How we respond in the midst of those tests will either hinder or develop our ability.



The first Adam failed in a garden. The last Adam succeeded in a wilderness. The first Adam disobeyed. The last Adam submitted His will to The Father. The first Adam ran from communicating with God. The last Adam continuously communed with The Father. As we are concluding this time of fasting and prayer, it is important for you to remember that prayer and fasting will always draw the adversary to you, as it did with Jesus. In Matthew 12:29, Jesus said no one can enter into a strong man’s house (the adversary’s house) and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man. It is then that

Week 4 Prayer Objectives:

A Spirit of Evangelism in The Body Of Christ

The Salvation of Our Children and their Commitment to God

Deliverance of the church building and Body out of debt

The Vision ~ pray over the personal vision statements

Pray for our nation, its leadership, and those in political office

he will spoil his goods. For Jesus, the first order of business as He entered into ministry was to do just that — bind the strong man.

If you and I are going to succeed in the vision that The Lord has given us in this year, it is imperative that we first bind the strong man. How do you do that? The way that Jesus did it: through hearing the voice of The Lord and through walking in obedience to what He said.

Fasting does not guarantee you success in God, but it will reposition you to a place where you will hear God in a clearer way. When Jesus was coming down from the Mount of Transfiguration, at the bottom it was brought to Him a little child that was possessed with demons. The disciples could not help. Once the child was in the presence of Jesus, He spoke a word and the demons had to flee. We are reminded again that this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. To overcome some of the hindrances in your life, it will only be done through prayer and fasting. Believe it or not, you are not going to be able to overcome some things without it. Do not just let this be a time of missing meals and losing weight, but hear the voice of God and do what He says.

As we conclude this fast, we understand that even though the fast ends, hearing God should never end. Corporate prayer is on Monday at 7PM and Friday at 7:30 PM. Let us all gather together and close out the last Friday of the month in unison. If you cannot be present, please pray where you are from the hours of 7PM to 8PM on Monday and 7:30PM to 9PM on Friday. Have a faith-filled week. ~ **Pastor Earl and Denise Goings**

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The wealth of our circumstances (or the even the lack in our circumstances) does not determine our course. It is our commitment to God and to do His will that determines our course.

Fasting and prayer causes the devil to come after you. Here are 5 ways to overcome his attacks:

1. Believe Jesus has conquered sin for you
2. Set you mind on things above
3. Attack self-centeredness with love
4. Be led of the Holy Spirit
5. Make no provision for the flesh