Matthew 17:14-21

INTRO: Now I do not know why the disciples could not cast this demon out. We can look at difference reasons, or we can take our on ideals. But the fact remains that the disciples could not cast this demon out. **WHY?**

Now if you study the Word of God you will find out the just before hand; Jesus sent out the 70 & they came back & let Jesus know that they did great & mighty acts in the Name of Jesus, & even the Evil Spirits were subject to that name. Also in the first part of Matthew 17 you will read about the JESUS TRANSFIGURED before Peter, James, & John. So if the four had seen this, & if the rest of them seen the Power of God at work through them, & was casting out demons in the Name of Jesus, **WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**

Here is what I think. The devil built a WEB. He knew what would happen if this young man was delivered from the power of darkness. So he place in people minds the doubt of what needed to happen, & what could have happened. The Word of God tells us that even at one place Jesus couldn’t do any miracles because of the City didn’t believe.

"***The devil will set a WEB in between services"***

***"HERE’S HOW*** ***FOR THE CHURCH"***

The devil will build a WEB by placing a thought in your mind. He will place something there that will sow discord, or unbelief in the mind & in the heart of believers. He will use someone that will get on the Phone & call people just to stir up trouble, or to make trouble.

We need to face it, the church nor people in the church, whether in leadership position or not; None of us are perfect. We can find a fault with anyone, & everything "BUT JESUS" if we look hard enough for it.

***"HERE’S HOW FOR YOU AS A INDIVIDUAL"***

***It could go a little like this.***

**I’M TO MEAN TO COME TO GOD.**

**I’M NOT READY TO COME TO GOD.**

**I CAN’T LET GO OF IT.**

**THIS IS GOT ME DOWN.**

**I’M SCARRED TO RECEIVE OF GOD.**

**I’M AFRAID.**

**I’M TO TIMID.**

**I’M NOT GOOD ENOUGH.**

**I’M NOT QUALIFIED.**

**I’M NOT TRUSTING THOSE IN OFFICE.**

**THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT THE MADDER I GET.**

**I’M JUST ONE PERSON, WHAT CAN I DO.**

**WHAT IF I FAIL.**

**WHAT IF THE PEOPLE DON’T LIKE IT.**

**SOMEONE CAN DO IT BETTER.**

**GOD PLACE ME HERE JUST TO SET IN THE PEW.**

Some people will even say that God wont let me live this church. But that person stays & stirs up. Now the question is this! Who miss God? Those that need help. Those that are trying, but they miss it. Or those that have heard from God to stay, but they are stirring up trouble.

These are all WEBS the devil will set. So what do we do? *We do what the bible tells us to do.*

**REMEMBER THIS: SATAN WILL PLANT A SINGLE THOUGHT IN YOUR MIND, & THEN IF YOU DON’T GET RID OF IT; IT WILL GROW INTO A WEB.**

**"Now we know that God has given us Weapons"**

**We have the Word of God.**

Heb. 4,12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**We have our Prayer life.**

Mat. 7:7,8

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

**We have our Worship, & our Praises.**

2 Chr. 20:21-22

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.  And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

But when all this is not enough; what do you do? You’ve read the Word. You’ve Prayed. You’ve Praise, & Worship God, & you still don’t feel God, or you do feel God, but are not getting the answer you need.

So what do you do? You do what the Word of God tells you to do.

Mat. 17,21

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

**It’s time that people began to** **READ THE WORD, PRAY, PRAISE, & NOW FAST.**

**Some of us don’t’ mind reading our Word.**

**Some of us don’t mind Praying.**

**Some of us don’t mind Praising God.**

**But when was the last time YOU Fasted.**

Tonight I hope that I prove to you the value of Fasting. & That we will use it to overcome the enemy.

**THIS KIND** -- individual, diversity, generation,

**FAST, FASTING, FASTED** -- is found in the Bible more than 60 times.

We are going to look at different types of Fasting & what they mean.

Now when it comes to Fasting; **Jesus didn’t say if you Fast**. **He said WHEN you fast.**

Mat. 6:16-18

Moreover *when ye* fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.  But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 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.

Notice that Jesus said WHEN YE FAST; Fasting is a part of the Christian life. It’s a part of our Christian walk.

Now I am not talking about hungry strikes. I am talking about Fasting. Some people go on hunger strikes, or diets & calls it FASTING.

5 things you must know before you fast.

5 things you need to ask yourself before your fast.

**1) is it God lead?**

Are you Fasting because God lead you into it, or to lose weight?

**2) what are your motives?**

Why are you Fasting?

**3) what are the needs in your life?**

In the scriptures when people Fasted there was a need. They didn’t Fast to just Fast.

& This is what we will focus on tonight. What kind of needs can be answers by Fasting.

**4) what results are you looking for?**

Every Fast has a result, at least 8 Fastest for each problem or them in your life, & each as a result. So what results are you looking for.

**5) are you determining to do ministries for the Lord while you are fasting?**

Acts 13 -- it says they minister to then Lord. So Fasting is a time of ministry to the Lord.

**So why are you Fasting:**

Zec. 7,5

Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me?

So God is saying are you Fasting unto me. Are you Fasting for things to do with my kingdom, or are you Fasting just to Fast?

**In Fasting what are you wonting to accomplish.**

**Are you Fasting because God has lead you into it?**

**Because of His Holy Spirit leading you into it.**

**Are you doing it to please Him & to honor Him?**

**Or are you fasting just to fast so you can say look at me.**

***Before we get into this; let me tell you what FASTING is.***

***Fasting brings the flesh off the throne.***

1 Cor. 9,27

Paul said -- But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:

**"FASTING WILL KEEP YOUR BODY UNDER SUBJECTION"**

**"FASTING WILL BRING YOUR FLESH UNDER SUBJECTION"**

**"FASTING WILL NOT LET YOUR FLESH RULE IN YOUR LIFE"**

The one thing that brought Adam & Eve down was the lust of the flesh. The one thing the devil will try to arouse in you; is your flesh. That’s why he said unto Jesus.*"IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD TURN THIS STONE INTO BREAD"* he wonted to see if the Lord would bow to this temptation.

**"SO FASTING BRINGS DOWN THE FLESH KING**

**& PUTS HIM UNDER SUBJECTION"**

If you will take what I am about to give you & put it into your Christian walk; I promise you will see a difference in your life. The devil does not won’t you to have this information, but if you will do it; the Presents of God will come CLOSER, NEARER, & DEARER unto you.

**"THERE IS POWER IN FASTING JUST LIKE THERE IS POWER IN PRAISE, & WORSHIP, & IN PRAYER"**

***THE LIST OF FASTING.***

**You need to remember that this is not a formula, but it is the WORD OF GOD.**

1) THE FIRST FAST -- "3 DAY FAST, FOR CRISIS"

Esther 4:16 -- the story of Queen Esther who told her Uncle Mordecai to call a fast; *"A 3 DAY FAST."*

The king wonted to destroy all the Jews, to wipe out their race. Esther told Mordecai to go & call a Nation 3 day fast. & That She was going to Fast, & all her servants were going to Fast. & When the three days are over, she would go to the king & talk to him.

**So here it is -- ask God to give favor to turn the situation around. She was fasting FOR CRISES. A 3- DAY FAST FOR CRISES IN YOUR LIFE.**

Acts 9,9

And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

Paul had just meet Jesus. He was blind. It would have meant his life as a Pharisee. He had a crisis.

So fasting brought about a deliverance from death. Not only to Esther & the Jews but to Paul also.

2 ) THE SECOND FAST -- "PARCEL FAST FOR REVELATION"

Dan. 10:2,3

In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

This is a 21 day fast. But look what happens here.

Verse 3 -- I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

He didn’t have a total fast because he listed the foods that he did not eat. This is a Parcel fast. Daniel was lead into a Parcel fast for 21 days.

For what?

Verse 14 -- Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

**This Fast is for Revelation. The same thing happen in Daniel 9.**

**THE 3 DAY FAST IS FOR CRISIS.**

**THE 21 DAY FAST IS FOR REVELATION.**

**3) THE 3RD FAST -- "A ONE DAY FAST TO TAKE INVENTORY SPIRITUALLY"**

Ps. 35,13

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

Lev. 23,27

Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict "humble" your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Jer. 36,6

Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the *fasting day*:

**The early churches in the books of acts practice this. A one day fast to find out where you stand with God.**

**1) 3 DAY FAST FOR CRISIS**

**2) 21 PARCEL FAST FOR REVELATION.**

**3) ONE DAY FAST FOR TAKING INVENTORY OF YOUR SPIRIT.**

4) THE 4TH. FAST -- "ONE DAY FAST FOR DELIVERANCE"

Ezra 8,23

So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us.

We sought God & He was entreated with us. Why did they seek Him? *You should be able to relate to this fasting.*

Judges 20 shows the Power of Fasting. There is Israel going against the tribe of

Benjamin for a sin they have commented. God told a hold nation to fight against this one tribe.***HERE’S WHAT HAPPENS.***

***Judges 20,18***

And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up first.

The Lord said GO UP, LET JUDAH GO FIRST INTO BATTLE. So they went out to battle,

verse 21

And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

Now look at this. God told them to go & lead them. & They did & were defeated. **Have you ever prayed this "Give me Victory," But you got defeated?**

You may say God what have you done. Have you brought me out here to kill me? No He trying to teach you something.

Verse. 23

(And the children of Israel went up and *wept before the LORD until even*, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

Cry all day, & pray, & again God said go up. & they are saying God are you sure.

Verse 25

And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

By now 40,000 men are dead. I would begin to think at someone miss God.

Verse 26 -- **they knew something was missing.**

Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and *wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even,* and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

**They Prayed -- they fail.**

**They Prayed & Wept -- they fail.**

**Now they Prayed & Fasted one day** -- what happens. THEY WON THE BATTLE, BECAUSE THEY PRAYED & FASTED.

**"NEVER GO INTO BATTLE BEFORE YOU FAST"**

Verse 28

Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? ***{NOW GOD NEVER TOLD THEM THIS. HE TOLD THEM TO GO UP, HE NEVER TOLD THEM THIS UNTIL THEY FASTED}*** **And the LORD said, Go up; FOR to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.**

**How many of you have Prayed, & Prayed, & Prayed & noting ever happens. Pray & Fast for one day, & GET YOUR DELIVERANCE**. It doesn’t matter what the DELIVERANCE is. It’s your deliverance if you won’t to pay the price of a one day fast, & prayer; then do it. If not, you may not get your Deliverance.

Verse 35

And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel:

**You Fast & Pray; the Lord will fight your battles. Some of you are losing the battles because you are Praying, but you are not Fasting.**

**"FASTING BRINGS GOD ON THE SINCE"**

**1) 3 DAY FAST FOR CRISIS**

**2) 21 PARCEL FAST FOR REVELATION.**

**3) ONE DAY FAST FOR INVENTORY OF YOUR SPIRIT.**

**4) ONE DAY FAST FOR DELIVERANCE.**

THE 5TH FAST -- "A FAST TO LEFT JUDGEMENT"

1 Kings 21,27-29

A story about a wicked man. God said I am bringing judgement unto this wicked man. The man went into a FAST.  God said because he humble himself I will not judge him. Even the most wicked people can Fast & see Judgement lifted.

Fasting lifted Judgement off of the Wicked Man. This Fast we don’t know how long he went; but most bible scholars believe that it was one day Fast, or a 3-day Fast.

Now with this Fast; we look at how many people, or love ones that we know that we need to Pray & Fast for their wickedness. How many of us have children that are wicked. They need God, & maybe you’ve Prayed for them, but now let us Pray & Fast for them.

**1) 3 DAY FAST FOR CRISIS**

**2) 21 PARCEL FAST FOR REVELATION.**

**3) ONE DAY FAST FOR INVENTORY OF YOUR SPIRIT.**

**4) ONE DAY FAST FOR DELIVERANCE**

**5) ONE -- THREE DAYS TO LEFT JUDGEMENT.**

THE 6TH. FAST -- "A FAST OF HEALING"

1 Sam. 30:11-15

And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: FOR he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.  And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? And whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because *three days ago I fell sick.*

***Now I will not tell you that if you are sick that God will heal you through Fasting.*** You have to be lead by God into this Fast. But when you Fast in this state of being it may relieve you of some toxic waste in you body.

His body was healed by Fasting. Fasting is not going to heal all things. But still God is the Healer of all things.

If you need to be healed in your Body, or even in your Mind, and your Spirit; you may won’t to Pray first of all about this 3-day Fast. If God lays it on your heart, it will work.

**1) 3 DAY FAST FOR CRISIS**

**2) 21 PARCEL FAST FOR REVELATION.**

**3) ONE DAY FAST FOR INVENTORY OF YOUR SPIRIT.**

**4) ONE DAY FAST FOR DELIVERANCE.**

**5) ONE -- THREE TO LEFT JUDGEMENT.**

**6) 3 DAY FAST FOR HEALING.**

FAST # 7 -- "THIS FAST IS FOR DOMINION IN WHATEVER YOU NEED"

There are only three men in the Bible that Fasted 40 days.

**Moses 40, then 40 more.**

Ex. 34,28

And he was there with the LORD *forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water*. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

Bible Scholars will tell you that this is the second time that Moses went up to the Mountain to receive the Law of God. The first time he went he Fasted 40 days & now this is the second time & he Fasted another 40 days.

**Elijah**

1 Kings 19:7,8

And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.  And he arose, and did eat and drink, and *went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights* unto Horeb the mount of God.

**& Jesus**

Luke 4:1,2

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, *Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing*: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

This Fast has to be a God called Fast. This is a Supernatural Fast.

**"40 DAY FAST IS FOR DOMINION"**

**The first Adam lost Dominion when He ate.**

**The second Adam gangs it back when He didn’t eat.**

**Adam lost the Power in the Garden.**

**But Jesus gangs the Power in the Wilderness.**

When you Fast like this you gang the Heavens Power.

Remember This will have to be a God call Fast. & Let me say also that some cannot Fast for Health reasons. Some need to ask their doctors about Fasting. But all of us need to ask God about it.

**1) 3 DAY FAST FOR CRISIS**

**2) 21 PARCEL FAST FOR REVELATION.**

**3) ONE DAY FAST FOR INVENTORY OF YOUR SPIRIT.**

**4) ONE DAY FAST FOR DELIVERANCE.**

**5) ONE -- THREE TO LEFT JUDGEMENT.**

**6) 3 DAY FAST FOR HEALING.**

**7) 40 DAY FAST FOR DOMINION.**

8th. FAST. "A FAST FOR DEPRESSION"

2 Sam. 12:15-22

And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.  David therefore besought God FOR the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.  And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.  And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: FOR they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?  But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.  Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.  Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep FOR the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.  And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: FOR I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

Church noting will bring Depression on you like a Death of a love on.

**David Fasted for seven days for the life of his Child, the Child died, & David was able to get up & go on.**

The devil will use anything he can to bring depression to God’s children. He will use very measure that he can use.

So in return we have to go to the highest measures ourselves. So we go to war on this depression with a 7-day Fast. It is to over come our Feeling, our Emotions, & our Hurts, and our Disappointments.

God is a God of Joy. He wonts us to have that joy, but sometimes we have to work for it. It will come by Fasting.

**1) 3 DAY FAST FOR CRISIS**

**2) 21 PARCEL FAST FOR REVELATION.**

**3) ONE DAY FAST FOR INVENTORY OF YOUR SPIRIT.**

**4) ONE DAY FAST FOR DELIVERANCE**

**5) ONE -- THREE TO LEFT JUDGEMENT.**

**6) 3 DAY FAST FOR HEALING.**

**7) 40 DAY FAST FOR DOMINION.**

**8) 7 DAYS FAST FOR DEPRESSION.**

**There are two more Fasts that you need to know about.**

1) THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY -- THIS IS FOR THE CHURCH, OR CITY TO HAVE REVIVAL.

Joel 1:14,

Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD.

In this Chapter we find out that God has pulled their Joy from them. The reason is because of SIN. So God called the people together through Joel & said have a Solemn Assemble. In it you Unite in Prayer, & Fasting. You will Cry into God so the Joy will come back & Destruction will leave.

"NOW LOOK AT THIS"

Joel 2:15

Blow the trumpet in Zion, Sanctify a Fast, call a Solemn Assembly:

Joel 2: 19

Yea, the Lord will answer & say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, & wine, & oil, & ye shall be SATIFIED therewith.

Other words Fast as a Church, & God will renewal the Church.

It does not say how long the Fast is suppose to go. Just has a Fast & let God lead the Church, or the City into it.

2) A GOD CALLED FAST -- THIS IS A FAST THAT GOD WILL CALL YOU INTO PERSONALLY.

Mat. 17:20-21

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Now here we read about the man that had a son with evil spirits. The disciples couldn’t cure him or heal him. They went to Jesus & Jesus said because of your unbelief. But you need to remember that they just came back from ministering the Word of God, & told Jesus how demons’ were subject to the Name of Jesus. So why is it now that they didn’t have enough faith, but a few days ago they did.

Church I believe that there are times in our lives that we need more faith to over come the enemy. Some days it seems like we are strong & nothing can get us down. But there are those days that the devil will get on us & we can’t get him off. So how come?

He is still that the devil, & we are still God’s children; so what seems to be that the problem? It’s not because of our unbelief, it’s because we haven’t "LET GOD CALL US INTO A FAST."

We need to pray & asks God to call us into a Fast that we can bring down the strongholds that are in our flesh. So that the spirit of God in us can go forth & do what it needs to do.

**"EXAMPLES OF A GOD CALL FAST"**

In my life as a Pastor there are times God will call me into a 3-day Fast for a Month or sometimes two months. What I do or feel lead to do; is Fast Breakfast, & Lunch, then eat my dinner for three days. Why this? To me it is for more Anointing of God in my life. I will not say that you are to do this.

There are other times that God will lead me into other types of Fasting for different types of reasons.

A friend of mine will fast Chocolate. He has been doing this so that the about five years now. Why? Because that is what he loves to eat, & God lead him into this Fast.

I know of a person that will Fast every Friday of their lives. Why? Because God told her to do it.

So there is a God call Fast, that only God will call you into. If He does obey Him, & do it. But don’t do it, if it isn’t call by God.

***REMEMBER:***

1 Sam. 15,22

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

***DON’T MAKE FASTING YOUR BONDAGE:***

Luke 18,11

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

CON:

I’ve given you this information to let you know, when you Fast for the right reasons, you don’t have time to let the devil build a WEB in your life or your church.

We can build a Web up against that the enemy through our Fasting. For Fasting is showing our determination to God, & the enemy that we will prevail against at any cost.

When we begin to Fast, we begin to work to solve what is wrong. What we need to fix. What we need extra to get that the job done. When we begin to Fast, we begin to set a Web over against the enemy that God can use us. & That our Web will be stronger than that the enemies.

WE ARE OVER COMERS! WHY? WE’VE PUT ON THAT THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD.**Part of that the Armor of God is Fasting.**