




Living Right Over Empty Rituals

Isaiah 58:6-10 (KJV)

1. Circle the motif word found in the following Scriptures.

 Wherefore have we fasted, *say they*,
and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul,
and thou takest no knowledge?
Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure,
and exact all your labours. **Isaiah 58:3 (KJV)**


 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate,
and to smite with the fist of wickedness:
ye shall not fast as *ye do this* day,
to make your voice to be heard on high.
Isaiah 58:4 (KJV)


 Is it such a fast that I have chosen?
a day for a man to afflict his soul?
is it to bow down his head as a bulrush,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*?
wilt thou call this a fast, and an
acceptable day to the LORD?
Isaiah 58:5 (KJV)


2. Respond to the following statement ▼

Israel was required to fast.

- a. Once per week b. Twice per week
c. Once per year d. Is not a true statement

 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. ¹² I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. **Luke 18:11-12 (KJV)**


 ²⁹ And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: ³⁰ For on that day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. ³¹ It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever. **Leviticus 16:29-31 (KJV)**

 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. **Acts 13:2 (KJV)**


3. In your own words, what is the purpose of **fasting**?


4. Do you think the church is required to **fast**?


Yes or No

 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **Hebrews 12:1 (KJV)**


5. Give the length of the **fast** in each of the following Scriptures.

 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.
Leviticus 23:32 (KJV)

 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.
Judges 20:26 (KJV)

 ¹ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. ² And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
Matthew 4:1-2 (KJV)


6. In the following Scripture, the two questions are directed to _____.

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Isaiah 58:3 (KJV)


7. Israel was disappointed with God because God


did not _____ to their fasts.


(d r s p n o e)

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Isaiah 58:3 (KJV)

8. Who is asking the questions in each of the following Scriptures?


_____  Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?
Isaiah 58:5 (KJV)

_____  Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?
Isaiah 58:6 (KJV)

_____  Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
Isaiah 58:7 (KJV)


9. List the four blessings in the following Scripture.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.
Isaiah 58:8 (KJV)

10. The word "if" is used _____ times in the printed text of Isaiah 58:6-10 (KJV).

11. What do you think Jesus wants us to learn about fasting in the following Scripture?

 ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 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.

Matthew 6:16–18 (KJV)

12. The Pharisees were focused on the _____ of fasting and lost
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sight of the real _____ of fasting.

(r p p e o u s)

13. Assignment for January 29, 2023 ► **Joel Chapter 2.**

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⁹ Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I *am*. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

¹⁰ And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noonday: