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The Call to Fasting

Many people have asked me what should be done in the year 2005 to prepare for the year 2006. The most important of many preparations is to wait on the Lord in fasting and prayer. There is something special that the Lord desires to release upon His people and we need to prepare ourselves to receive His blessing. I also believe that this call is not just to a normal fast but also to a protracted fast, probably forty days.

Unlike the supernatural forty day fast without food and water (which no one should attempt unless they truly have a supernatural visitation from God), this can be a fast like Daniel's fast (no pleasant food, nor meat nor wine).

Protracted fasts have often preceded great paradigm shifts in the spiritual plane. Moses was supernaturally led to fast 40 days and night before he received the Ten Commandments and the instructions of God for the Jewish people. (Exodus 24:18) Elijah, in his discouragement after the victory over the false prophets, was fed angelic food which sustained him for forty days and forty nights till he reached Mt Horeb (1 Kings 19:8). Jesus began His ministry with a forty-day fast (Matthew 4:2).

Forty days have also been a time period for completions of revelation or judgment. The flood was on the earth for forty days

In typology, the Tabernacle of Moses was held up by 20 boards each on the North and South side with forty sockets. The West side was held up by six boards with 12 sockets (twelve is the number symbolic of government).

The number "forty" comes into play in many important transitions. I believe that a forty day fast is different from other types of fast. The following are examples:

1. A one-day fast is usually a consecration fast. The Day of Atonement was a special one day fast when the high priest enters the most holy place (Lev 23:26-32). Most proclamations of fast are for a one-day fast (1 Sam. 7:6).
2. A three-day fast is usually a consecration to receive something from the Lord. The Israelites were told to prepare themselves and on the third day to be ready to meet God (Exodus 19: 14, 15). At the end of a three-day fast after he met the Lord, Paul received the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:9, 19).
3. A seven-day fast is a fast of repentance and surrender to God's Will. David fasted seven days in the hope of saving the life of his child (2 Sam 12: 16-18). Although he did not get the object of his prayer, God gave him another child whom he chose to be the next king.
4. A twenty-one day fast is a fast for revelation. Daniel fasted for 21 days

(Gen 7:17). Jesus after His resurrection spent forty days with His disciples (Acts 1:3). The Philistine presented himself to Israel for forty days before David confronted him (1 Sam. 17:16). Forty stripes was the maximum punishment allowed for discipline (Deut. 25:3). Forty days was the period given for Nineveh's repentance (Jonah 3:4).

The extension into the generational shift of forty years shows the importance of the protracted period of forty. Isaac and Esau were forty years old when they took wives (Gen. 25:20; 26:34). Moses was in the wilderness for forty years (acts 7:30). The disobedient Israelites were punished for forty years in the wilderness (Deut. 2:7). David reigned over Judah and then all Israel for a total of forty years (1 Kings 2:11). Solomon ruled over Israel for forty years (1 Kings 11:42)

to understand the visions he had received (Daniel 10:1, 2, 12).

5. A forty-day fast is for a transition and paradigm shift as we saw above.

We encourage you to seek God in fasting and prayer. However, if you are not experienced in fasting or are physically incapable, do not strain yourself or do so without consultation with your medical doctor. Just pray in whatever way you are capable of for forty straight days.

We pray God's impartation upon your lives as you seek God for forty days and for forty nights.

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The one-year training Bible school has been deferred. We have had a lot of enquiries but most of them have asked for sponsorship, as they are not able to pay for their own tuition fee and accommodations. We will commence it when the Lord provides sufficient funds to sponsor the students. Cost of sponsoring each student is A\$21,000 inclusive of food and accommodation. We need a minimum of 30 students to launch the school. All those who have applied, please note that your particulars have been recorded and you will be contacted when we are ready to commence. Please let us know your updated contacts if they have changed in the meantime.

SINGAPORE MEETINGS

Contacts are being made for the organisation of a three day End Time seminar in Singapore and also for a three year Monday night meetings (as was done in the decade of the nineties). If you would like to be part of the team in helping in any way, please email us at elshaddai@bigpond.com.

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This year Ps Peter has begun travelling to conduct Revival Conventions.
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SOME FASTING EXPERIENCES FROM THE LORD

In 1978, at the end of a three-day full fast, I received a vision from the Lord. I was taken to a high place which overlooked a valley between two mountains. On the valley was a huge tall building. Only the structure of the building was completed. I understood from the Lord that the building represented the church and the two mountains the first and second coming of the Lord. I was taken to the foot of the building and when I drew near I realized that it was a huge building and the structural pillars were huge and wide. Each pillar was the width of a three to four lane super highway. I saw men of God, some whom I recognized, standing on the pillars high up on the structure and they were calling me to join them.

When I came out of the vision, the Lord said that the pillars are the pillars of prayer. How important prayer is in the foundation and structure of the church.

In 1979, at the end of a liquid forty-day fast, I heard the voice of Jesus woke me up in the morning and spoke to me of His great love. I was in tears and joy at the same time. I knew from the bible that He loved me. I knew theologically that He loved me. But to experience His love was indescribable.

On April 28th 1987, at the end of a long fast, a fresh measure of His Spirit and love came upon me. I felt a cleansing within my being that I had never felt before. Ever since then, that seed of His impartation has affected a different view of mental understanding. Something in my soul was touched by the spirit realm. I have never fully understood that experience but there was a deep impartation like fire in the bones. Ever since that time, sometimes when the anointing grows strong, I feel fire in my bones.

In was mid-1997, I was on a long forty day fast. A lot of events had taken place and I was constantly on my face before God. Having arrived in Australia, I sought the Lord for His revelation and to understand His purposes and His Will for my life. An angel of the Lord came into the room in the early hours of the morning. Just before his appearance, I was taken in a vision and given glimpses of the last day revival of which I saw myself being heavily involved. The angel spoke and said that I was where God wants me to be and in the land where God wants me to be. God's words gave me strength and direction and comfort.