

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

HOW TO CONDUCT SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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PART 6B: PROTECTION THROUGH FASTING & PRAYER

Early in this series of sermons I introduced the concept, that the earth is like a box, and inside this box there an ongoing war between the Kingdom's of God and Satan. In order to understand the concept of fasting, I am going to review some of the points laid out in sermon RLJ-1073.

GOD'S SPIRITUAL LAW GOVERNING PRAYER

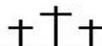
At the trial of Lucifer, God laid out His rules for the appeal process. Since Lucifer is a created being, sustained by the power of God, and only given a limited amount of spiritual resources, God also had to limit Himself in His action in the earth box. Here are the limits as found in the Bible:

1. God the Father will not enter the earth box during the appeal process. God the Father has put his Son, Jesus Christ, in charge to handle the entire appeal process. **1 Corinthians 15:22-28**
2. Jesus is also the Creator and he is in control of the entire flow of power into creation. **Hebrews 1:1-3**
3. Jesus himself paid for the sins of the human race and reconciled them to the Father with the condition that each person must personally repent of their sins, confess Jesus as the Messiah (Christ) and turn from sin. Thus, salvation is readily available to all people, but it is only given to those who ask for it (**Romans 5:1-21**). People can only ask for it if they know about it. (**Romans 10:8-17**).
4. Only people living in the earth box qualify for prayer, which is calling upon the Lord.
 - A) Satan must have access to the praying person to challenge and possibly hinder and derail their communication with God. **Zechariah 3:1-4**
 - B) Once a believer in Christ begins to pray, there is no limit to the power they can request. Lucifer and his fallen angels are well aware of this and know that the greatest threats to them are praying Christians! **John 14:6-18**

End of Summary

THE SPIRITUAL LAW OF PRAYER AND FASTING

- When God wrote the rules of engagement for inside the box, He made them apply to both kingdoms. Thus, people in the kingdom of Satan have also used prayer and fasting to call upon Satan and his fallen angels. Most Christians are not even aware of this, but here are examples: **Exodus 7:9-12, 19-23, 8:5-7**



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- ❑ There are also instances of where God's people have prayed that Satan will be unable to respond to the prayers and sacrifices of his people. **1 Kings 18:19-39**
- ❑ ***Prayer brings spiritual power into action of the people who practice it!***
- ❑ ***It works in both kingdoms, and will bring in either God's holy power or the Devil's evil power.***
- ❑ ***Fasting has been designated by God to bring in more spiritual power than what is possible with just prayer. Matthew 17:14-21***
- ❑ Even the evil King Ahab knew that fasting moved God more than prayer, and when he was given bad news from the prophet, he moved into high gear to save himself. **1 Kings 21:20-29**
- ❑ The Prophet Daniel knew that prayer with fasting accomplished more than just prayer alone and so he fasted and prayed for 21 days. The result was that God increased His power and involvement in the "earth box." (See sermons RLJ-1073 or RLJ-1074 for the illustration.) **Daniel 10:1-14**
- ❑ The Gentile king of Nineveh was not a worshipper of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but when he was told the prophetic word from Jonah, he had prior knowledge about repentance, prayer and fasting and kicked his entire kingdom into high gear with the intent to get a hold of the true and holy God. **Jonah 3:1-10**
- ❑ Satanist's, Wiccan's, Muslim's, Buddhist's, New Ager's, Hindu's, etc., practice fasting and the Devil hears them and pour out more of his evil power on them.
- ❑ Christians to a large degree do not fast and have no desire to do so. They come up with all kinds of excuses as to why they should not fast even though Jesus plainly told us to do so. **Mark 2:18-20**
- ❑ Roman Catholics are told to fast, and so evangelicals, especially Baptists, frown upon fasting and refuse to do it. No wonder the Church of Jesus is weak and full of cancer (false doctrine); we are rejecting one of the most powerful weapons God has given us. No wonder Jesus said the unsaved people are smarter than the children of God. **Luke 16:18**

WHY IS FASTING SO POWERFUL?

- ❑ Giving money to God's work is good but it is not a sacrifice.
- ❑ Working in the church, feeding the hungry and helping the poor is good, but it is not a sacrifice.
- ❑ Preaching, worshiping God, praying and teaching the Word of God is good, but it is not a sacrifice.
- ❑ Visiting the sick, ministering to prisoners and taking care of orphans is good, but it is not a sacrifice.
- ❑ Building hospitals and clinics in foreign lands to take care of the natives is good but it is not a sacrifice.

- ❑ When God set up the requirements for the way He wanted to be worshiped. Abel complied with a flesh sacrifice and God was pleased but Cain brought a fruit offering and was rejected. **Genesis 4:3-5**
- ❑ Jesus has become the final sacrifice by shedding his own blood on the cross; consequently, there is no more blood sacrifice required. **Hebrews 9:22-26**
- ❑ Fasting is denying our flesh the pleasure of food. Thus, when we fast, we are not giving of our time, finances or material possessions, but we are giving ourselves as a living sacrifice. **Romans 12:1**
- ❑ ***Only denying food to our body is truly a sacrifice when we are willing to give of our own flesh to move the hand of God! Therefore, God has ruled that this action by a human being is worth far more than anything else and it will move God to grant any request presented to Him in the name of Jesus. Joel 2:12-21***
- ❑ Since God has promised the Devil an equal opportunity, the Devil is also allowed to empower the people in the Kingdom of Satan when they fast and pray to the Devil.
- ❑ Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil, but it can only be done if God's people understand the rules of engagement and do what they are supposed to do, instead of always complaining that power of evil seems to increase more and more. Where is the power of God? It is tied up in our bellies!
1 John 3:8

GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR MINISTRY

Our ministry operates not only in the Sacramento area but all over the world. If all the people connected with our ministry would agree to the following plan of fasting once a week, I believe we are going to see a revival and an awakening. I am calling upon you to join me in a one year fasting program which will begin every Saturday at 2 P.M. and last until 2 P.M. Sunday afternoon. During these 24 hours, we will only drink water, and as we go about our different activities, pray and seek the Lord to send His power down and break the grip of the Devil over the unsaved people around us.

I am aware of that some of you have a diabetic problem and cannot participate in a spiritual offensive like this, but to all of you who are healthy, will you join me? Please contact me and let me know that you are standing with me.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOUR BELLY FOR 24 HOURS?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?

PROCLAMATION

Pastor John S. Torell of the *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church* is calling upon all the people attending the church and those affiliated with our worldwide outreach through *European-American Evangelistic Crusades*, to join us in a prayer and fasting period for the next twelve (12) months. We are asking God for the following:

1. Break the stronghold of Satan
2. Bring salvation to millions of people
3. Turn around the backsliders
4. Set free the demon oppressed
5. Heal those who are sick
6. Send people to our church
7. Increase the Bible study groups around the world who are using our material.
8. Strengthen the finances of the ministry so that we can do more outreach for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our fasting and prayer will begin on May 12, 2007 and run for the next twelve (12) months. This water fast will begin each Saturday at 2 P.M. (1400 hours) and end at 2 P.M. Sunday. People living in different parts of the world will follow the time zone they are in.

MY PRAYER AND FASTING COMMITMENT

I want to join my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in a period of prayer and fasting for a breakthrough in the spirit world, so that people will be saved, healed and delivered from the kingdom of Satan.

With the help of God I will try my best to be faithful to this commitment, at the same time, help me Heavenly Father to grow spiritually from day to day.

Name and Date