

Sunday, February 11, 2024 message focus

“God's Chosen Fast - Rewards and Instructions”

The Lord told me [Pastor George] to proclaim a 21-day Daniel Fast beginning Monday, February 5 thru February 25

This is a **proclaimed fast** for KCM, EMIC, KCBC, the Victory Channel, and our global offices.

A **"proclaimed fast"** is when we all set our faces toward God for the purpose of turning around serious situations.

Daniel 1:1-8; (KJV)

“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

²And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

³And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

⁴Children in whom was no blemish, but well favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

⁵And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

⁶Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

⁷Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

⁸But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

v.10-12 For ten days Daniel and the three Hebrew men went on a "Daniel fast," eating vegetables and water.

They ate "fast food"

v.15 As a result, their countenance was fairer and fatter because they made a deliberate decision not to defile themselves.

With times of fasting will position you to the sensitivity of the Holy Spirit.

v.18 -20 None was found like the four Hebrew men.
The king found them ten times better than the others.

The importance of fasting.

- Fasting is an assistance to receiving.
- Fasting turns down the voice of the flesh.
- Fasting turns up the voice of the Spirit.
- Fasting positions us to receive greater clarity for the issues we face.

Our foundation scripture.

Daniel 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."

We all need 21 days of spiritual focus to receive answers, direction, clarity, and breakthroughs!

Pastor George provided some background on Brother Justus du Plessis before sharing a prophecy spoken from him.

A little background of Justus du Plessis:

- *Justus du Plessis interview at EMIC 1995 – part 1 of 2*
<https://vimeo.com/166282194>
- *Justus du Plessis interview at EMIC 1995 – part 2 of 2*
<https://vimeo.com/166282218>
- *Interpreted for William M. Branham*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_M._Branham
- *Interpreted for Smith Wigglesworth*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smith_Wigglesworth
- *Brother Justus and his family were connected with Andrew Murray*
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Murray_\(minister\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Murray_(minister))
- *He is well known for the statement: "A Pastor without Godly love is a butcher."*

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Justus du Plessis

First thing He said to me, "You're going to speak to the church this morning. You're speaking to the ministries on prayer. I want you to be My mouthpiece. Speak to them slowly, gently, with divine urgency, because they have a dream, and they have a vision which must be realized because I've given that to them. They are My people. But they are people of destiny. And so be warned that nothing should

be said that I have not said to you. Say it with compassion. Assure them that I know of the love that is amongst them. But that should increase tenfold in view of what is going to happen shortly. Speak to Kenneth Copeland Ministries and the International Church. Tell them that I regard them as people of destiny as much as I regarded those four young people, part of the banished nation far away from Jerusalem, waiting for the day when Jerusalem would once again be the home and the center of My people.

"You intended to speak on Daniel and certain excerpts from that. It is good because that is within the guidance of My Spirit and within the center of My will. But forget your notes. You're not sermonizing. Regard it as a prophetic spirit that has come to you through Me. Tell them that the secret of those four young men: Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego the secret was that they frequently prayed, although they found themselves in a strange culture. They fasted. And as they will do what I am to tell you to do, they will feel My Spirit resting upon them, equipping them, empowering them to go forth and be My people in a world that is not very different from what they found themselves in. There are so many strange cultures in America. So many strange nations across the world. And this is an international body, reaching out to the furthest corners of the world.

"Tell them to **read the book of Daniel**. It is a much-neglected book. Some of My people have taken from it certain parts that they liked. But I would have them, as a body to read the entire book, to commence with that reading individually and corporately as soon as possible. They must hear it word for word. They must note the number of times that these people fasted, prayed, and let fasting be one of the clear motivations in their life to know My fullness and to know My plan for them.

"They are My people. They are people of My choice. They are people of destiny. The leadership must know that My Spirit will never depart from them. If they draw near unto Me, I shall draw near unto them. More than that, I shall ever be with them, never removed at any distance. Shortly, they will be ministering in this country. They will

also be ministering in other countries, but every time, My anointing will rest upon them so powerfully that they will know they are people of My choice, and make themselves available. I want them to know that everyone involved in the ministry, whether it be a menial task, the most unimportant task in their own eyes, if they're My instruments, they are important. **There is no link that can be taken out of the chain.**

"I repeat, speak to them slowly, deliberately, fearlessly, but with divine compassion. Love them as My people, My Church, My Body, My bride. Reassure them once again of My love that is always infallible. And My Spirit that is always available to them since I dwell in them. I'll be living with them and in them from this day forward more powerfully than ever before. They are My nation. They are My people of priests and prophets. And none of them, not the least of them, should try to withdraw from what I'm going to reveal to them and what I'm to require of them."

Folks, I tried to sleep. But this power of God rested upon me so heavily, so mightily, that I . . .

Whenever God reveals Himself to me it's quickening and energizing. Yet this morning, when I woke up, I was dried out. It was a remarkable experience.

I'm going to read a few passages which came to me at that time, to show you the importance of this book. And, Pastor George, I don't know when you're going to start it [the corporate fast]. The Lord said as soon as it's possible for you to do it, do it methodically, do it faithfully, both in your private capacities, and as a corporate Body.

Pastor Terri shared at the end of the message:

Isaiah 58:5-7; (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?

6Is 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?

*7Is 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?*

Pastor Terri shared this is a time to sow the money we would use for food towards food and clothing for others.

We will be accepting clothing donations following the Sunday and Wednesday services. As these items will be sowed to others, please ensure the clothing looks good, no stains, tears, and is clean and pressed as this is an offering unto the Lord.

Please go to emic.org for the clothing collection /drop off details.