

## **Deuteronomy 4:25-26 (NIV)**

**After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time--if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God and provoking him to anger, [26] I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed.**

## Deuteronomy 4:27-29 (NIV)

The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the LORD will drive you. [28]

There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell. [29] But if from there **you SEEK the LORD your God, you will find him**  
**if you look for him with all your heart**  
**and with all your soul.**

## **Deuteronomy 4:30-31 (NIV)**

**When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the LORD your God and obey him.  
[31] For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath.**

## Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NLT)

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. [5] And you must love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, ALL your soul, and ALL your strength. [6] And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.

# Looking to God

Ezra 8:1-36



## **21- Proclaimed a Fast to...**

- Humble Ourselves Before God**
- Ask for Safe Journey**

## **Examples of Fasting in New Testament:**

- **WHEN you Fast**
- **they WILL Fast**
- **Worshipping & Fasting**
- **Appointed Elders & Fasted**

**→ Fasting is a powerful ministry  
when God's people fast, we are telling  
Him that He is more important to us  
than the food we need to sustain our  
bodies. [MBI - Feb 11, 02]**

# **Biblical Examples of going without...**

- **Food**
- **Food and Drink**
- **Choice food & extra care for himself**
- **Married couple abstaining from Sexual Relations for a time of Prayer**

**→ Fasting is for times of  
yearning and aching and  
longing. ~ Piper**

# **PRAY and FAST for...**

- **Closer more intimate walk with Christ**
- **People to be Saved**
- **People to be Restored**
- **God to Bless this Community  
THROUGH us**
- **Us to become His hands and Feet**

## **Total Weight...**

- 24 tons of silver**
- 3 tons of silver objects**
- 3 tons of gold objects**
- 19 pounds gold bowls**

## **1 Timothy 3:2-3 (NIV)**

**Now the overseer must be above reproach,  
the husband of but one wife, temperate,  
self-controlled, respectable, hospitable,  
able to teach, [3] not given to drunkenness,  
not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome,  
not a lover of money.**

## **1 Timothy 3:8 (NIV)**

**Deacons, likewise, are to be men  
worthy of respect, sincere, not  
indulging in much wine, and  
not pursuing dishonest gain.**

## Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

[2] LOOKING TO JESUS, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.