

"Prayer and Fasting in a Crisis" Esther 4:9-17

I. What should you do when you are in a crisis?

Answer: _____

II. What can you do to consistently draw near to GOD? Answer:

Develop a _____ James 4:8

III. Fasting is doing _____ in order to see GOD
_____ in your life.

IV. The true account of the Book of Esther:

- King Ahasuerus was the head of the _____ Empire (486-465 BC). He was the most powerful man in the _____, and was the son of _____ the Great. His Greek name was _____. The Greeks fought Xerxes' armies in 480 BC at _____; and defeated them at the sea battle of _____, and the land battle at Plataea, both in 479 BC.
- The book of Esther takes place over a _____ period of Ahasuerus' rule, 483-473 BC. In chapter 1, the King's wife publically _____ him, so she was disposed. **Ch.1**
- The beautiful young Jewish girl, Esther (_____) miraculously won the _____ Contest. **Ch.2** Under Mordecai's counsel, (her _____, and adopted father) she did not reveal her _____.
- The Prime Minister (_____) of the gigantic Persian Empire came up with a scheme to kill every Jew in the empire in _____, and then to take all their possessions, in order to _____ the coffers from the costly Greek Wars. The amount of 10,000 talents of silver, (_____ tons) which would approximate _____ of the empire's annual revenue. **3:9** The King was manipulated into _____ this diabolical law into effect.
- Haman hated the Jews. Every _____ (Pharaoh, Hitler, Khamenei, and the coming Anti-Christ) will ultimately face the wrath of GOD.
- _____ gave Queen Esther the devastating news of this insidious plot. **4:9-17** She was overwhelmed, and was in imminent _____ herself. Esther realized that she could not _____. She had no _____. And she had no one to _____ her. She asked Mordecai to gather all the Jews in the capital city of Susa, to _____.

V. What Fasting does:

- Shows GOD that HE has your _____. Is. 66:2 Usually HE's waiting

- _____ . (Health? Job? Loved one? Need? Direction? Crisis?)
2. Brings _____ in complicated situations. **Daniel 9:1-3, 20-23, 10:1-3; 12-14**
 3. Gives you _____ to seek GOD. Jer. 29:13
 4. Brings _____. Neh. 1:1-5
 5. Puts your _____. Often "I am the problem."
 6. Is a powerful way to _____ yourself before GOD. 1 Peter 5:5-6
Do you want to _____ on your own?
OR would you like for GOD to supernaturally _____?
 7. Prayer coupled with Fasting, causes GOD to _____ than anything else.
 8. Regular Fasting produces spiritual _____. 1 Cor. 9:27
 9. Brings the _____ of GOD.
- JESUS – Mt. 4:2 Mt. 17:18, 21 - John the Baptist – Mt. 11:18
- Paul – 2 Cor. 6:5, 11:27, Acts 9:9
 10. Brings a _____. 2 Chron. 20
 11. Is fasting fun? _____ But it can be _____. Are there results?
_____ ; even if you don't _____ them initially.

VI. **Esther's breakthrough:** (miraculously provided by GOD)

1. Mordecai _____ a plot to kill the King, and saved his life. **Ch. 2**
2. Esther is given _____ by GOD on how to approach the King. **Ch. 5**
3. King Ahasuerus couldn't _____. **Ch. 6** He reads in the Records of the Court the account of how Mordecai _____ his life.
4. The villainous Haman is _____ to publically honor Mordecai. **Ch. 6**
5. Queen Esther's life was miraculously _____. **Ch. 7**
6. The wicked Haman and his family were _____. **Ch. 7**
7. The Jews _____ themselves and turned the table on their enemies (500;300;75,000) in _____ provinces of the Persian Empire, stretching from Ethiopia to India. **Ch. 9** The Feast of _____ became a Jewish Day of Celebration to commemorate this miracle. (3/20/19)
8. Mordecai is promoted to _____ in command in the Persian Empire. **Ch. 10**
9. The Jews were saved because _____.
(Do you want HIM to intervene for you?)

VII. **How do I do this?**