

Fallow Ground

Loss, sickness, financial trouble, civil unrest, and the relentless attack on all areas of society can cause a desensitizing to the hearts and minds of God's people. We must not allow this. It is time for a collective movement of the body of Christ to rise up (in protest) in the Spirit by humbling ourselves physically. This may seem like a paradoxical statement, but it is not. God's eternal Word says, *"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you"* (Hosea 10:12, KJV).

It is up to us to humble ourselves and pray. We know that God has promised us that He will heal our land, but to activate this promise, we must take action. It is not good enough to quote scriptures in the evil day we are living in. They must be acted out in our lives. And this is not possible if we are not focusing on what God wants us to do. The enemy cannot attack or affect the Holy Ghost within us, but he can cause our hearts to be hardened by trauma and the cares of this world. God is speaking to His people, reminding them again of His promises, if only they will remain faithful. *"Even now," says the LORD, "Turn and come to Me with all your heart [in genuine repentance], With fasting and weeping and mourning [until every barrier is removed and the broken fellowship is restored];"* (Joel 2:12, AMP).

While this may not apply to everyone reading this, there is a definite disconnect from the things of God in the world we are commanded to reach. The antichrist has blinded so many. Jesus says, *"FOR THIS NATION'S HEART HAS GROWN HARD, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY HARDLY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE [tightly] CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART, AND TURN [to Me] AND I WOULD HEAL THEM [spiritually]"* (Matthew 13:15, AMP). While He was quoting the words of the prophet to Israel, these words are so applicable today. If we are only focusing on the sin and lawlessness we see going on in our world, we can feel hopeless.

We must exercise our faith, and the most effective way to increase faith is to fast and pray. When fasting is done properly by focusing on God and His word, we will be victorious over our lawless enemy. When a great sin was committed by one of the tribes in Israel, the result was war against those who would not stand for justice. At first Israel was losing the battle, but, *"Then all the sons of Israel and all the people went up and came to Bethel and wept; and they sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD"* (Judges 20:26, AMP).

We will not win the war we are fighting without the power of God. Jesus said that this kind will only come out by prayer and fasting. We need to be unified with Jesus, and our brother. Unity will come when we humble ourselves, and esteem others better than ourselves. Fasting will help destroy the works of the flesh. Let us become a unified force against the darkness by denying our flesh, so He can increase. Jesus wants us to be His light in a dark world, being one with Him, and our fellow believers.

Pray:

- That the glory of the Lord would shine through us, separating light and darkness.
- That fasting would cause us to seek first God's Kingdom, and His righteousness.

- That we would overcome the world, and the world would not overcome us.
- For every believer to forego pride and see the value of others through God's eyes.
- For a healing balm to be upon God's people, and that it would be used to connect people to God.
- To bind the spirit of racism and loose the love of God that casts out fear.
- To bind witchcraft (works of the flesh) and loose the revelation of the Mighty God in Christ.

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