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Fasting In Times Of Crisis

Fasting Is Tough Because The Outcome Is Powerful

Daniel Fasted To Stay Blameless

Daniel Fasted To Repent For The Sins Of The People

Daniel Fasted To Get Closer To God

Biblical Worship In Times Of Crisis Involves Prayer And Fasting

Esther 3:1-2, 8, 13 - *Some time later King Xerxes promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite over all the other nobles, making him the most powerful official in the empire. ² All the king's officials would bow down before Haman to show him respect whenever he passed by, for so the king had commanded. But Mordecai refused to bow down or show him respect... ⁸ Then Haman approached King Xerxes and said, "There is a certain race of people scattered through all the provinces of your empire who keep themselves separate from everyone else. Their laws are different from those of any other people, and they refuse to obey the laws of the king. So it is not in the king's interest to let them live... ¹³ Dispatches were sent by swift messengers into all the provinces of the empire, giving the order that all Jews—young and old, including women and children—must be killed, slaughtered, and annihilated on a single day. This was scheduled to happen on March 7 of the next year. The property of the Jews would be given to those who killed them.*

Esther 4:14 - *If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?*

In Times Of Crisis There's No Neutral Position

- 1. There's Nothing In This World That's Outside The Influence Of The Purposes Of God.**
- 2. God Will Accomplish His Purposes Even If We Refuse To Obey.**

- 1) He Can Move On From Us And Get Somebody Else.
- 2) He Can Discipline Us Until We Surrender To His Will.

3. God Isn't In A Hurry, But Will Fulfill His Plans In His Time.

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE

Esther 4:16 - *"Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die."*

Join Her In A Three-Day Fast To Strengthen Her Courage And To Prepare Her Spiritually

Genesis 50:20 - *You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.*

Proverbs 16:4 - *The Lord has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster.*

We're Not Strengthening Our Willpower; We're Becoming More Dependent On God's Power