

Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center Sunday January 31st 2015

February: Consecration!

- Consecration
- Dressed and Anointed
- Drawing Near
- Pulling Down Strongholds
- Ready for Service



James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

What is Consecration?

The KJV Old Testament Hebrew Lexicon

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Original Word Word Origin

קרש a primitive root

Transliterated Word TDNT Entry

Qadash TWOT - 1990

Phonetic Spelling Parts of Speech

kaw-dash' ◀動 Verb

Definition

 to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate To set apart for for use by purification.

To "Set Apart for Holy Use"

Has two main purposes

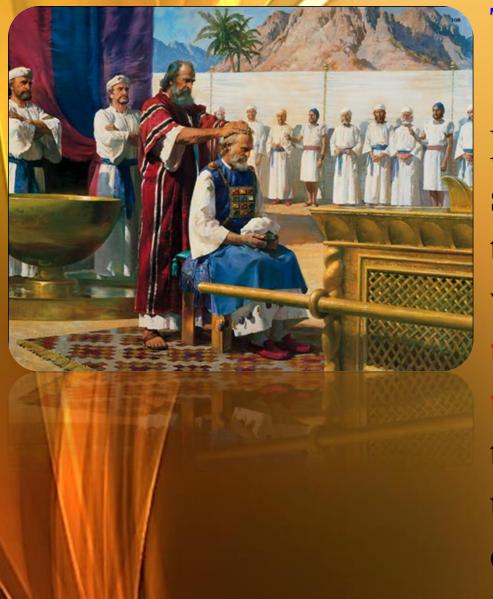
An inward and an

outward

Why Consecration? Seven reasons

- Prepares you for an unknown future
- Prepares you to stand before two, God(Inward) and your enemies(Outward).
- Consecration Purifies your motivations.
- Consecration averts Gods Judgment and brings Gods presence!
- Consecration makes the Spiritually weak strong!
- Consecration is our way to God by the blood of Jesus.
- Jesus is our role model for a consecrated Life

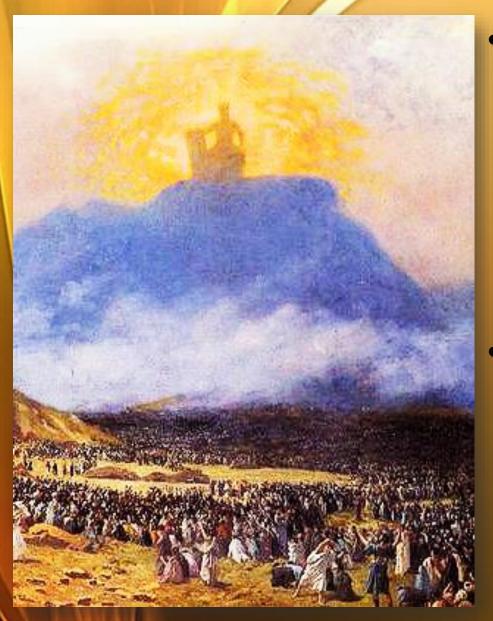
Consecration involves anointing!



The Inward use:

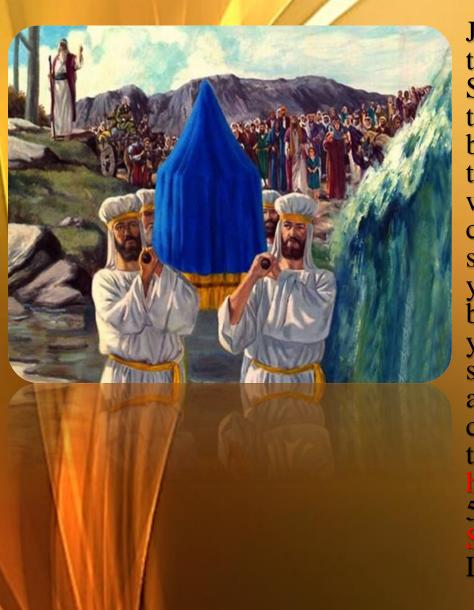
Exodus 28:41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

The inward preparation



- Exodus 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify(Consecrate) them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,
- 11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

Preparing for an unknown future



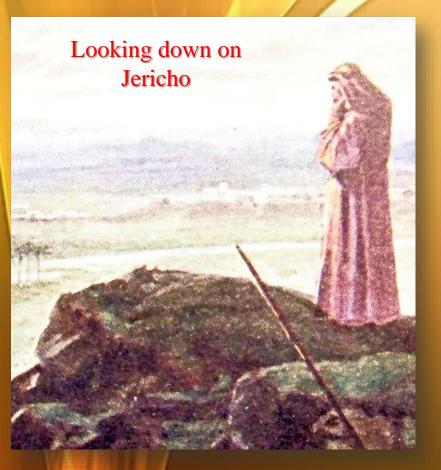
Joshua 3:1 ¶And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; 3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. 5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

The outward preparation



- Joshua 5:2 At that time
 the LORD said unto
 Joshua, Make thee sharp
 knives, and circumcise
 again the children of
 Israel the second time.
- 3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

The Reason for the Outward

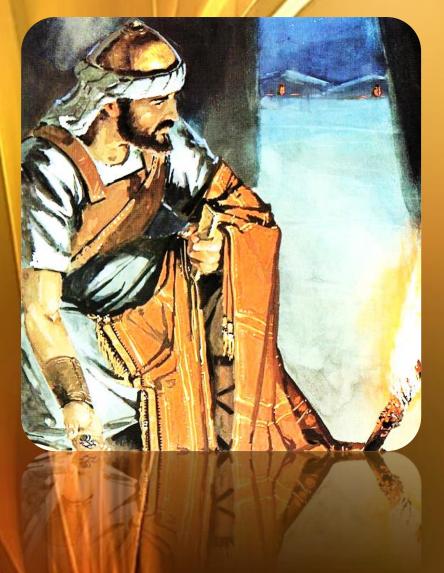


Joshua 5:4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

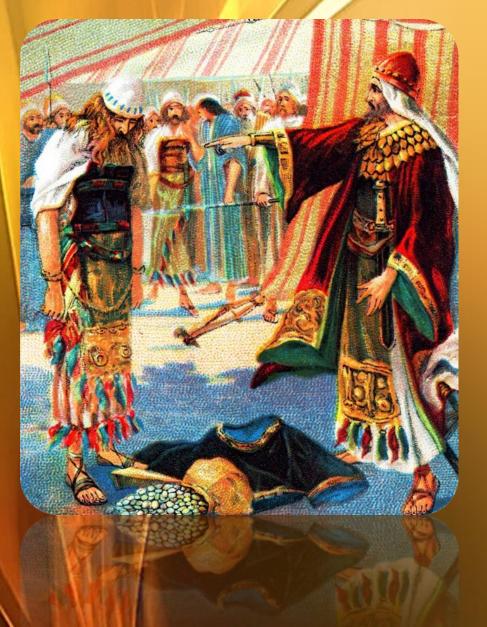
9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

Without Consecration, for the outward...



Joshua 7:1 But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted (consecrated) things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel. 4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai 4 So about three thousand went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, 5 who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes.

To face the enemy and win...



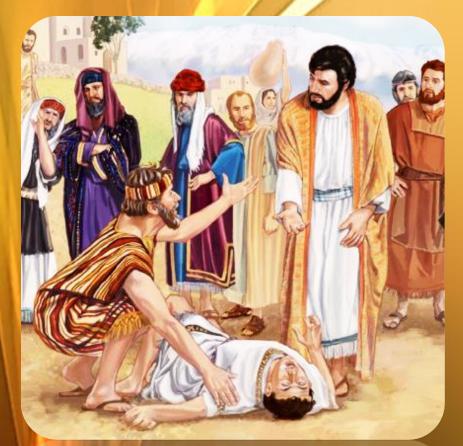
NIV 11 Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted (Consecrated things) things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. NIV 12 That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.

A new testament example



- Mark 9:17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;
- 18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

Fasting & Prayer..a time of Consecration!



Mark 9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? 29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.(A time of consecration)!

Consecration purifies your motivation!

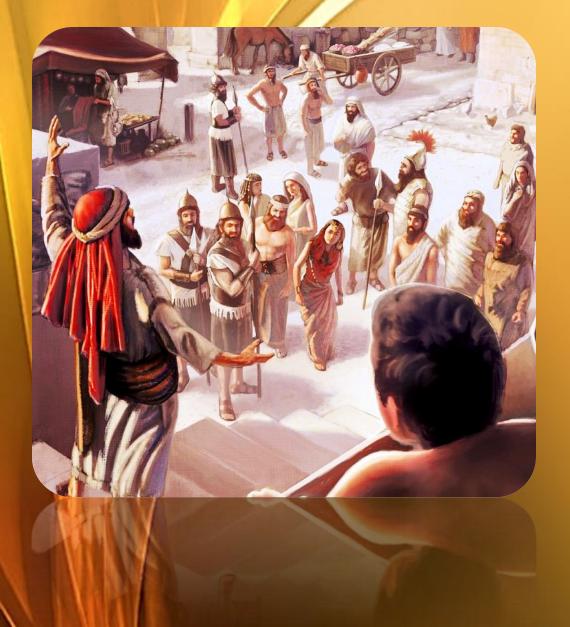


Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and THAT MAN WAS BLAMELESS AND UPRIGHT, and one who feared God and shunned evil. (NKJV)

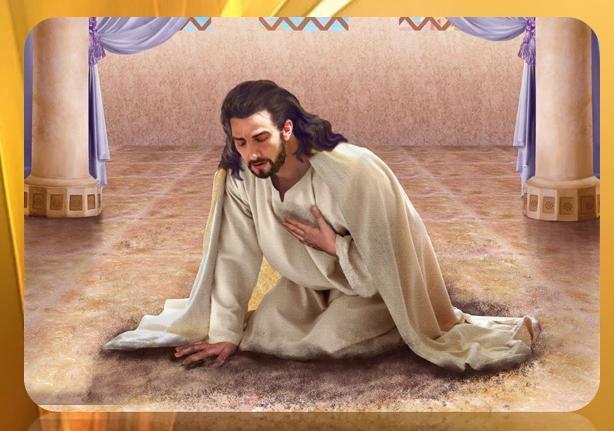
So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that JOB WOULD SEND AND SANCTIFY THEM, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "IT MAY BE THAT MY SONS HAVE SINNED AND CURSED GOD IN THEIR HEARTS." Thus Job did regularly. (NKJV)

Consecration averts Judgment



Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. 4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

Consecration averts Judgment



5 ¶So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. 6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and

, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: (A Consecration fast)!

Avert Judgment, brings Gods presence!

Joel 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: 16 Gather the people, sanctify (consecrate) the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Consecration makes the weak strong!



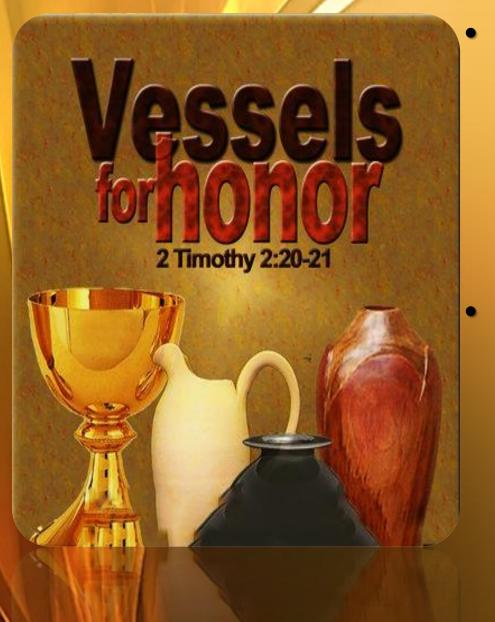
Hebrews 7:23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.(consecrated)

A Vessel of Honor



- 2 Timothy 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
- 21 If a man therefore purge (consecrate) himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Simply stated, *biblical fasting* is refraining from food for a spiritual purpose.

According to the Bible, there are three duties of every Christian: give, pray and fast. **Biblical fasting** takes discipline and strength—strength which you can only receive from God. Your private discipline will bring you rewards in Heaven, says <u>Matthew 6</u>.

When you give God your first through fasting, prayer and giving at the beginning of the year, you set the course for the entire year.

Why should I fast?

1 Corinthians 8:8(KJV)

8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. It is the attitude of a heart sincerely seeking Him to which God responds with a blessing.

- •Are you in need of healing or a miracle?
- •Do you need the tender touch of God in your life?
- •Is there a dream inside you that only He can make possible?
- •Are you in need of a fresh encounter?
- •Do you desire a deeper, more intimate and powerful relationship with the Lord?
- •Are you ready to have heightened sensitivity to the desires of God?
- •Do you need to break away from bondages that have been holding you hostage?
- •Is there a friend or loved one that needs Salvation?
- •Do you desire to know God's will for your life?

BIBLICAL FASTING FOCUS

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

ROMANS 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service."

MATTHEW 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

ISAIAH 58:6 "[Is] 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?"

We want to encourage you to target your prayers during the fast. As a church, we are focusing on:

- 1.THE MANIFESTATION OF THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
- 2.SOULS BORN INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

How would you like to fast?

There are several types of fasting. The one you choose is between you and God. He will honor your best sacrifice.

- FULL FAST: Drink only liquids (you establish the number of days).
- □ **GRADUAL FAST:** Abstain from all sweets and deserts the 1st week, then meats 2nd week, breads and carbohydrates the 3rd week, just fruits and vegetables last 6 days, just water the last day if you wish.
- THE DANIEL FAST: Eat no meat, no sweets and no bread. Drink water and juice. Eat fruits and vegetables.
- **3-DAY FAST:** This fast can be a Full Fast, Daniel Fast or give up at least one item of food.
- PARTIAL FAST: A partial fast is from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm or from sun up to sundown. You can select from three types of fasting a Full Fast, Daniel Fast or give up at least one item of food.
- CORPORATE FAST: A fast done with a body of believers.

Fast from food, and (???) Monday and Tuesday of each week for the month of February. Have Corporate Prayer every day of the first week and then every Thursday for the rest of the month.