

of punishing our bodies and it is not be used as a "dieting method" either. We are not to spend time in prayer and fasting in order to lose weight, but rather to gain a deeper fellowship with God.

By taking our eyes off the things of this world through prayer and biblical fasting, we can focus better on Christ. [Matthew 6:16-18](#) declares, "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

PRAYER AND FASTING - WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH?

Spending time in prayer and fasting is not automatically effective in accomplishing the desires of those who fast. Fasting or no fasting, God only promises to answer our prayers when we ask according to His will. [1 John 5:14-15](#) tells us, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him." In the prophet Isaiah's time, the people grumbled that they had fasted, yet God did not answer in the way they wanted ([Isaiah 58:3-4](#)). Isaiah responded by proclaiming that the external show of fasting and prayer, without the proper heart attitude, was futile ([Isaiah 58:5-9](#)).

How can you know if you are praying and fasting according to God's will? Are you praying and fasting for things that honor and glorify God? Does the Bible clearly reveal that it is God's will for you? If we are asking for something that is not honoring to God or not God's will for our lives, God will not give what we ask for, whether we fast or not. How can we [know God's will](#)? God promises to give us wisdom when we ask. [James 1:5](#) tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

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50 BIBLE VERSES

on FASTING

1 Corinthians 10:31	Isaiah 58:3
1 Corinthians 7:5	Isaiah 58:6
1 Corinthians 9:27	Jeremiah 14:12
1 Kings 19:8	Joel 1:14
1 Samuel 31:13	Joel 2:12
1 Samuel 7:6	Joel 2:15
2 Chronicles 7:14	Judges 20:26
2 Corinthians 11:27	Luke 18:12
2 Samuel 1:12	Luke 2:37
2 Samuel 12:16	Luke 4:2
2 Samuel 3:35	Mark 2:18
Acts 10:30	Mark 9:29
Acts 13:2	Matthew 4:2
Acts 13:3	Matthew 4:4
Acts 14:23	Matthew 6:16
Acts 9:9	Matthew 6:18
Daniel 10:3	Matthew 9:14
Daniel 6:18	Matthew 9:15
Daniel 9:3	Nehemiah 1:4
Esther 4:16	Nehemiah 9:1
Esther 4:3	Psalms 109:24
Exodus 34:28	Psalms 35:13
Ezra 10:6	Psalms 69:10
Ezra 8:21	Zechariah 7:5
Ezra 8:23	Zechariah 8:19

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ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Zoom service

9:30am Men's, Women's, and Youth Classes

10:05am Prayer, Worship & Ministering
God's Word

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MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:00 - 7:30am Conference

Line Prayer

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY 12noon

Conference Line Prayer

MONDAY Evening Conference Line Prayer

6:30 - 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY 6:30pm conference line prayer &

7:00pm Zoom Bible Study

Happy Birthday to all the **JANUARY** babies



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Bro. Herman Adam 13th
Jayionna Williams 15th

Steve Page 21st

Marcia Pervine 22nd

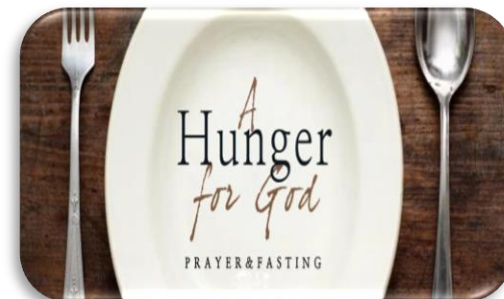
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Warfare Prayer 10:05am, Morning Worship 10:15am

Praise & Worship

Announcements/Welcome

Tithes & Offerings

You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give. (Winston Churchill)

Ministering God's Word

Bishop George Williams, Jr.

Benediction

PASTOR'S VOICE

Greetings Absolute Worship Ministries. It is a good thing to be able to enter the House of the Lord. One great preacher once said "the atmosphere of expectation is the breeding ground for miracles". It is no doubt that we all come today with this spirit of expectation. As we experienced the glorious outpour of our Lord and savior on last Sunday thank God for what he has in store for us today.

In this new year of ministry opportunity, we are excited to see the wonderful things that God is doing in and with the body of Christ. It is a beautiful thing to know that God has been faithful to us down through these years. As we embark upon our 35th church celebration there is an amazing spirit of gratitude for what God has blessed us with here in our Absolute Worship Ministry.

I would like to especially welcome all our new attenders to feel free to join in and help us lift up Jesus. We are very thankful for you choosing to come worship with us today. In these changing times we must never forget the great privilege we have together in God's house. There are so many today that wish they had this opportunity to assemble with like-minded believers. May I encourage you to seek the Lord while he may be found. For there is coming a time that we will not be able to assemble as we or today.

For anyone that is here today that does not have a church home I would love to extend to you the invitation to become a part of this exciting and growing fellowship. If you desire to know more about Absolute Worship please feel free to go to our website at www.absoluteworship.org. You can become connected to our weekday prayer meetings, our Wednesday Bible study, and our YouTube channel. I want to remind The AWM family that we are still in our Daniel

Fast until the 23rd of January. If you have not started it's not too late. And I invite you to join us this Friday night at 10 o'clock for our sacrificial warfare prayer. May God's Peace be yours, Bishop George
Feel free to email me this week:

fullword4u@hotmail.com

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ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 15, 2023

JANUARY 25TH is the deadline to turn in your testimony and money for AWM 35th anniversary book if you have any questions, please see Minister Aaron or Minister Roberta

JANUARY 29TH AWM Annual Agape Fellowship pitch-in dinner after morning service. Please bring a side-dish and a meat. Please invite your family and friends to join us in this fellowship dinner.

JANUARY, Please join us for a month of prayer.

FEBRUARY 18TH Praise and Worship Night

MARCH 18TH Praise and Worship Night

APRIL 15TH Pearls of Praise and Worship Night

MAY 20TH Praise and Worship Night (Suicide Prevention)

JUNE 17TH Praise and Worship Night

Praise and Worship Team will be selling T-shirts to raise funds to support the ministry, Cost is \$25 for more info see Minister Tamara

offerings, three ways you can give.

- online absoluteworship.org
- credit/debit card by-phone please contact Andrea Jackson or Lady Sarion
- Cash app \$absoluteworship

PRAYER AND FASTING

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PRAYER AND FASTING - A DEFINITION

Prayer and fasting is defined as voluntarily going without food in order to focus on prayer and fellowship with God. Prayer and fasting often go hand in hand, but this is not always the case. You can pray without fasting, and fast without prayer. It is when these two activities are combined and dedicated to God's glory that they reach their full effectiveness. Having a dedicated time of prayer and fasting is not a way of manipulating God into doing what you desire. Rather, it is simply forcing yourself to

focus and rely on God for the strength, provision, and wisdom you need.

PRAYER AND FASTING - WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

The Old Testament law specifically *required* prayer and fasting for only one occasion, which was the Day of Atonement. This custom became known as "the day of fasting" ([Jeremiah 36:6](#)) or "the Fast" ([Acts 27:9](#)). Moses fasted during the 40 days and 40 nights he was on Mount Sinai receiving the law from God ([Exodus 34:28](#)). King Jehoshaphat called for a fast in all Israel when they were about to be attacked by the Moabites and Ammonites ([2 Chronicles 20:3](#)). In response to Jonah's preaching, the men of Nineveh fasted and put on sackcloth ([Jonah 3:5](#)). Prayer and fasting was often done in times of distress or trouble. David fasted when he learned that Saul and Jonathan had been killed ([2 Samuel 1:12](#)). Nehemiah had a time of prayer and fasting upon learning that Jerusalem was still in ruins ([Nehemiah 1:4](#)). Darius, the king of Persia, fasted all night after he was forced to put Daniel in the den of lions.

([Daniel 6:18](#)).

Prayer and fasting also occurs in the New Testament. Anna "worshipped night and day, fasting and praying" at the Temple ([Luke 2:37](#)). John the Baptist taught his disciples to fast ([Mark 2:18](#)). Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights before His temptation by Satan ([Matthew 4:2](#)). The church of Antioch fasted ([Acts 13:2](#)) and sent Paul and Barnabas off on their first missionary journey ([Acts 13:3](#)). Paul and Barnabas spent time in prayer and fasting for the appointment of elders in the churches ([Acts 14:23](#)).

PRAYER AND FASTING - REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED?

The Word of God does not specifically command believers to spend time in prayer and fasting. At the same time, prayer and fasting is definitely something we should be doing. Far too often, though, the focus of prayer and fasting is on abstaining from food. Instead, the purpose of Christian fasting should be to take our eyes off the things of this world and focus our thoughts on God. Fasting should always be limited to a set time because not eating for extended periods can be damaging to the body. Fasting is not a method.