

Twenty-One Day Fast: Day Twelve – August 19

A Call to Worship & Prayer

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Psalm 99:5-9

Exalt the LORD our God

And worship at His footstool;

Holy is He.

⁶Moses and Aaron were among His priests,

And Samuel was among those who called on His name;

They called upon the LORD and He answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

They kept His testimonies

And the statute that He gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, You answered them;

You were a forgiving God to them,

And yet an avenger of their evil deeds.

⁹Exalt the LORD our God

And worship at His holy hill,

For holy is the LORD our God.

As I read this Psalm, several things stood out to me. First there is a call to worship and to exalt our Lord. As Pastor Bogdan Olechnowicz exhorted us, “God inhabits our praises.” (Psalm 22:3) and encouraged us to set up a Holy Habitation for Him. Let us draw near to Him in worship as we meet alone with Him during this time of prayer & fasting. Take the time to praise and honor His name. His promise to us is that He will draw near to us. (James 4:8)

Secondly, our Lord is holy. He is perfect. Let us be sure to cleanse our hearts before Him as we seek His loving kindness and forgiveness. He is ready to forgive. We need only to repent.

And lastly, I believe the Lord is blessing us and will continue to give our body leaders who are humble like Moses, who speak God’s Word with authority like Aaron and those who, like Samuel, hear from Him and follow Him with wholehearted devotion. The Psalmist says twice that He “answered them”. We need not expect perfection from our leaders; as scripture shows us, Moses, Aaron and Samuel were not perfect, but God worked through them and He “answered them”. The Lord sees our hearts, hears our prayers and He will answer.

PRAYER POINT: Lord help us to lay down our agendas and surrender our hearts to You and to follow You with wholehearted devotion.