

HOME FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

TIP: Remember to begin and end with prayer, as well as plant your seed offering. It may be helpful to have someone read the scriptures in the King James Version (KJV) and another the Amplified (AMP) version for better understanding.

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Topic: Fasting & Praying: **Expect to Be Rewarded**

Introduction: Many times, when we are called to fast and pray corporately, some people do it out of *obligation to the corporate body rather than out of expectation that consecration could also meet our personal spiritual needs*, in addition to the needs of the corporate body of believers. Fasting and praying should always be a personal commitment, even when it is done corporately. When it is personal, expectations and rewards are a direct result of our own diligence and dedication during the fast. Therefore, as we approach the end of our time of fasting and prayer, the question we should ask ourselves is, *what am I expecting? Am I expecting anything as a result of this time of consecration?* The answer is...we should always expect to be rewarded when we diligently seek God (Hebrews 11:6) because Jesus told us in Matthew 6:16-18 when we fast and pray in secret, God who sees, will reward us openly. What are you expecting?



Read: **Matthew 6:16-18, Hebrews 11:6, Psalm 62:5**



Discuss: What are you expecting after 21 days of fasting and praying? Discuss.

When it comes to fasting and praying, how would you apply Hebrews 11:6 to your expectations and rewards?

During this fast, have you noticed any breakthroughs or manifestations of things you have been praying for? Discuss.



Conclusion: Although it is quite easy to join in and participate during times of corporate fasting, we cannot forget that it is just as much an individual commitment as it is a corporate one; because fasting is never for God, but for us. Therefore, we should not take consecration lightly or matter-of-factly. Instead, we should always strive to be sincere and diligent until the end because we can expect that God will also reward us personally for our efforts and we can never fully know all the rewards we will receive.

If you have additional questions or comments that you would like to submit regarding tonight's topic, please submit them via email to one of our ministers at: info@godswaywoc.org.

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