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ANNUAL FASTING AND PRAYER THE SAVING FAITH.

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Romans 10:9-10

[9]that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

[10]For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Saving faith is not a natural quality we all possess.

It is a gift from God worked in our heart by the Holy Spirit.

Our natural heart is deceitful and wicked. We must be born again, to be born again is to encounter God through the Holy Spirit of the living God.

Encountering God means that salvation is not only an intellectual decision or that God can be made known through reasonable thinking. Scripture demands that the Christian have faith in God and a faith that includes all of their being. But how can one possess such faith when they are full of fear and doubt? It is hard enough for a person to keep small commitments to themselves, it is precisely through encountering God that the Christian is given Saving faith by God.

God initiates this relationship that leads to Godly sorrow over sin, turning from them and putting faith in Jesus Christ.

These are the very beginning steps in the Christian life and without them, one cannot be called a Christian.

If one has been convicted of their sins, repented, changed their thoughts about God, and grieved over their sinfulness, they have shown the true marks of one who has encountered God and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 17:21

[21]However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

- 1. I DECREE THAT ANY POWER THAT IS AFFLICTING MY DESTINY SECRETLY BE EXPOSED AND DISGRACED IN JESUS NAME**
- 2. ANY PIT DUG FOR ME SHALL SWALLOW THE DIGGER IN JESUS NAME**
- 3. THE WEAPON OF DARKNESS ASSIGNED AGAINST ME SHALL CATCH FIRE AND BACKFIRE IN JESUS NAME**
- 4. THE LORD OF HOSTS, THE MAN OF WAR, THE MIGHTY MAN IN BATTLE ARISE, FIGHT FOR ME AND GIVE ME VICTORY WITHOUT IN JESUS NAME**
- 5. OH LORD, OPENLY DISGRACE ALL MY STUBBORN AND UNREPENTANT ENEMIES THIS MONTH IN JESUS NAME**
- 6. THAT ENCOUNTER MY DESTINY HAS BEEN WAITING FOR LOCATE ME TODAY IN JESUS NAME**
- 7. EVIL ARROW OF WICKED ENEMIES ASSIGNED AGAINST BE DESTROYED BY THUNDER IN JESUS NAME.**

manifestation of the abstract idea we profess.

Once we see something as concrete and real, then we are more apt to live according to that reality. But then we need to cultivate an awareness of that reality because it will fade back into the realm of ideas if we don't.

We cultivate an awareness of the spiritual reality by talking to God in prayer, reading the lives of the saints...what are other practical suggestions?

Experiencing public gatherings of faith can be a powerful catalyst for a living faith.

When we see other people living the faith concretely it can help us realize Christianity is not just an abstract idea but reality.

Either in intensity of the expression, as is the case of a martyr or a saint or in the quantity of the expression, such as the gathering of the faithful saints.

Those who met or saw the intensity of Jesus Christ were moved by this experience to understand that Christ was real and their own faith was strong.

Many people who experienced the Day of Pentecost experienced a conversion when they saw thousands of people who really believed that Christianity was real.

CONCLUSION:

So when we see other people living the faith concretely, either in intensity as in the case of a saint or martyr, or in quantity, such as the day of pentecost- it helps us see that Jesus and the power of Holy Ghost are not just idea but reality and our faith is strengthened.