

**PRAYER – 5**  
**JUNE 29, 2016**

**IS. 58:6-8**

1. When God's people fast and pray for the right reasons, great things happen.
  - A. Our Spiritual eyes open.
  - B. Our health springs forth.
  - C. Our power to overcome sin increases.
  - D. God's glory has our back.
2. What are the right reasons?
  - A. Break the power of Satan.
  - B. Release the captive slaves.
  - C. Liberate the oppressed.
  - D. Spiritual breakthroughs.
  - E. To provide for the needs of others.
3. How does fasting with prayer achieve these things?
  - A. Fasting is a way to humble ourselves before God. God gives grace to the humble and lifts them up.
  - B. Fasting keeps the flesh in check and makes us more sensitive to the Spirit of God.
  - C. Fasting destroys unbelief and produces confidence.
  - D. Fasting gives place to a greater anointing.
  - E. Fasting doesn't change God, it changes us.
    - We hear from God more clearly.
    - Reveals changes we need to make.
    - Exalts the spiritual above the natural.
    - Exposes wrong motives or sin.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

1. America
  - A. For restoration: That America would return to its biblical foundation and Christian roots.
  - B. For a spirit of repentance to fall upon our nation as we speak mercy, grace and the Blood of Jesus over this great land.
  - C. That we would reach our full potential as a Godly nation and become a beacon of light to all.
  - D. For American voters to understand the importance of voting for candidates that reflect biblical principles.
  - E. For our leaders to be God-fearing, and yielded to God that He may use them to restore righteousness and bring healing to this nation.
2. Israel and Jerusalem. **PS. 122:6-8**
  - A. Honor the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
  - B. Protection: From all enemies.
  - C. To raise up Christian watchmen on the wall.
  - D. To open the eyes of the people to see Jesus as Messiah.
  - E. To infiltrate the government and influence the leaders.
  - F. For the youth traumatized by war and terror.
  - G. For a strong alliance to continue with America.
  - H. Against anti-Semitism.
  - I. To orchestrate last day events.