

Bible Study Outline

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The Season of Lent: Secret Surrender

Background Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18

I. Introduction

II. PRETENSE (MATTHEW 6:16)

- A. Why did Jesus accuse the Sadducees and Pharisees?
- B. How would you describe their devotion?
- C. Pretense is _____.
- D. What kind of intimacy David desired with God? (Psalm 51:7)
- E. David and Bathsheba: What could only cleanse David of his sin?
- F. The teachings of Jesus...

III. PRACTICE (Matthew 6:17)

A. Why does Jesus tell us to cleanse ourselves?

B. What is *'fasting'* about?

C. Practical things you can do when you *'fast'*.

IV. PROMISE (Matthew 6:18)

A. What is the open reward for faithfulness?

B. Do you believe God moves in us...even through tough times?

Examples...

(1) John the Baptist

(2) Paul and Silas

(3) Harriet Tubman

(4) Fannie Lou Hamer

(5) Rev. Dr. M. L. King, Jr.

(6) Mothers and grandmothers

(7) Fathers and grandfathers

C. God's promise is true...

V. Conclusion

TO GOD BE THE GLORY