

10 DAYS OF AWE-SOME REPENTING

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As you begin each of these 10 sets of questions to turn hungry-for-God thinkers into world changers and history makers, please follow these simple steps.

1. Thank God for creating your soul (mind, will, and emotions) and invite the Holy Spirit to lead you in all three (thinking, deciding, and feeling) to your maximum spiritual transformation today as you open the word of God with hunger for His presence.
2. Read through the scripture and questions quickly but attentively for an overview.
3. Re-read the scripture passage over and over with the questions in mind, until you feel awe in the presence of Yahveh, and have a clear sense of how to answer each question.
4. Make a short journal entry for each specific writing directive. You may want to do this in a digital document so you can conveniently review your spiritual growth and input from the Holy Spirit.
5. Thank God for visiting you during the time you just spent in His presence.

And if you want to be more like the Old Testament Hebrews, including Yeshua and His apostles, start at sunset on September 18, the 1st of Tishrei. But, of course, the Holy Spirit can help you do this any 10 days.

Enough. Let's follow Jesus!

1. HEALING OF AMERICA

Bible 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. How does American history up to now compare with the history of Israel up to a point where they had turned far from God, which makes this passage applicable to us now?
- b. How do 21st Century American Christians qualify as "My people called by My name" in God's eyes?
- c. What current circumstances in America make this a right time for God's people to act, according to these verses?
- d. Write out the four things you need to do from this scripture, one on each line, to please God and bring the promised blessings.
- e. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how to do each of these four things today and write those on each line,
- f. Ask the Holy Spirit how to encourage those in your sphere of influence to do the same. Name one or two that you will plan to talk to about this today.

Elections Praying

Pray for the vast majority of the 210 million American voters, including you, to make the effort to discover and vote for the candidate who will lead America in this direction for the favor and blessing of God, in every election, from School Board and City Council member to Congress and the White House.

2. SIN AND REPENTANCE IN BELIEVERS

Bible Revelation 2:4-5; 2:14-16; 2:20-21; 3:2-3; 3:17-19

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

1. What did Jesus call believers in Pergamum (2:14-16) and Thyatira (2:20-21) to repent from.
2. What did Jesus call believers in Ephesus (2:4-5), Sardis (3:2-3), and Laodicea (3:17-19) to repent from?
3. What were the eternal outcomes for those church members who didn't repent, and for those who did repent and overcome?
4. What is the present outcome for believers who practice repentance (3:20)?
5. Write in your journal any additional things you are now repenting from.
6. Write a sentence or two to Jesus, telling Him what you would most like Him to do today as you open the door of your heart and He comes in. Take time to listen to His agenda before you bring yours.
7. Give Him time with your undivided attention to do it now, or make an appointment with Him for later today.

Elections Praying

More than 10 million believers didn't vote in the 2016 elections, enough voters to change the outcome in each of the last five presidential elections. Do you know anyone who may not vote this November? Would you pray for them, talk to them, and offer to help them register and vote?

How should the attitude of the resurrected Jesus toward sexual immorality affect who you vote for?

3. TRANSFORMED BY RENEWAL

Bible Romans 12:1-2; Mt 6:10

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. Name a few things going on in current American culture that believers must not participate in.
- b. What have you done, in obeying the command in verse 1, so that you will say instead, "I just can't do that [anymore] because I have given my life to Jesus!"
Note: This is an excellent line to have your children, grandchildren, and newly born-again disciples, memorize and say out loud whenever they are tempted.
- c. What is promised in verse 2 as the outcome in your experience, even today, as you keep being transformed?
- d. Write in your journal a definition of the "good, acceptable, and perfect will of God," based on the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:10.
- e. What is the method by which you will be transformed, according to verse 2.
- f. Write in your journal what you plan to do as "daily bread" for the renewal of your mind, after you complete this devotional series.

Suggestion: Pray through Proverbs one chapter each day, reading chapter 1 on the 1st, etc., and writing a short journal entry from one verse in each chapter. Or read through the Gospel of Mark, half a chapter a day.

Elections Praying

Pray for the incumbents and candidates who claim to be Christians to be transformed by the renewal of their minds. Pray that the Holy Spirit reveals through the actions of the candidates and the positions they take whether she/he is a candidate you can vote for with a clear conscience. Choosing to “vote Bible” will keep you from voting for candidates who approve of people intentionally violating the will of God (like practicing sexual immorality or killing unborn babies).

Prepare yourself with the courage to ask any candidate, “Why should a Bible-believing Christian vote for you?”

4. GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE

Bible 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Luke 4:3-4; Ephesians 6:17; Proverbs 10:29; 21:22

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. What are the two types of enemies in the stronghold, according to 2Co 10:5?
- b. How did even Jesus get attacked with these subtle, but evil, thoughts that came against His mind, according to Luke 4:3?
- c. What is the spiritual weapon, according to Ep 6:17, that is mighty in God to take out the enemies?
- d. How did Jesus use it, according to Lu 4:4?
- e. How do you know when it’s time to attack the stronghold, according to Pr 21:22?
- f. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what thoughts contrary to the knowledge of God are hiding in your mind. Hint: they are the reasoning or imaginations behind any pattern of sinful, imprudent, or even unproductive habits in your life, from pornography to exaggeration to risky driving to procrastination. They can be easily ended once you take out the soil they grow in.
- g. Write down one or several of these enemies in your journal.
- h. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the specific sword(s), verses from the Bible, to attack and contradict it/them. If you have difficulty, ask any pastor in the Rock, or spiritual mentor you have, to help you find the most effective words. It’s one of the things we love to do most! You don’t even need to make an appointment. A text or email can be conveniently followed up with a phone call.
- i. Write down the specific sword you will wield against each specific enemy. Wielding those swords whenever needed is your job, not ours. Repentance starts with simply changing your mind, again and again, until your mind and your actions are changed to go God’s way.
- j. “How can I build the stronghold of godly imaginations and reasonings that mature believers have, as in Pr 10:29?” I’m so glad you asked. It’s called the mind of Christ. We’ll do more work on that tomorrow.

Elections Praying

Pray specifically for School Boards (977 in California) member elections, school district officials, school administrators and teachers so they recognize evil teachings and refuse to indoctrinate the 6.3 million California public school children, plus the rest of America, with poisons that will only produce failure and heartbreak. Pray for a deep turning to God and long-range love for

students in the atheistic, socialistic, narcissistic, and carnally-minded public school teachers, and their supervisors at all levels. Thank God for the godly teachers and administrators, and pray for their favor and influence to increase.

5. THE MIND OF CHRIST: Self-sacrificing Love = Thinking like the Messiah

Elections Praying

Pray for incumbents and candidates to love and learn from our political parents and mentors from the 1600s and 1700s, and the Christian heritage and founding documents they left us (Mayflower Compact, Of Plymouth Plantation, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights). Purpose not to vote for anyone despising our Christian heritage, limiting our God-given rights, changing our constitution, or not fulfilling their oath of office to support and defend it.

Bible Philippians 2:5-8; Proverbs 3:1-4; Luke 2:41-52; John 20:21

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. What impressed the teachers in the Temple about Jesus when He was 12?
- b. How did Jesus, the manger-born baby, grow towards the Messianic mindset by the time He was 12? Write down the specific scriptural methods in your journal. Hint: compare Lu 2:41-52 with Pr 3:1-4.
- c. Will you begin to intentionally and conscientiously develop the Messianic mindset, following Jesus using the same methods? Your pastors in the Rock are your spiritual parents to encourage and assist you to do this.
- d. Have you ever wished you could save somebody from the consequences of a bad decision, or do a miracle to heal them, or have the answer to some troubling problem, or change threatening weather? Where do you think that wish came from?
- e. Do you think Jesus, while on earth, would have felt a deep desire to save people many times? Should He have? If so, why?
- f. Should you? Why, according to John 20:21?
- g. Make a short journal entry of something precious the Holy Spirit taught you from these verses.

6. MESSIAH-LIKE THINKING: Good news about making wise decisions

Elections Praying

Make an appointment in your calendar during the next 24 hours to visit rock.church, scroll down to Vote Bible, and download the political party platform comparison spreadsheet so you can study what's at stake in this election.

Bible Isaiah 11:1-5; John 8:28-29

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. Who is the "Branch" prophesied to come out of the family of Jesse (King David's father)?
- b. What would His judgments/decisions not be based on?
- c. Where would His wisdom, understanding of righteousness, ability to be faithfully loyal to God come from?

- d. In what two areas of His life did Jesus declare that He practiced this self-restraint? Always, or as a preferred method?
- e. Write a sentence or two in your journal about what this means about making decisions by thinking like Jesus the Messiah thought. Start with, "Following Jesus means..."
- f. Write a short prayer submitting your will, feelings, and thought processes to the Holy Spirit, and expressing your faith that He will show you things you can't see or hear with your physical senses.

7. MESSIAH-LIKE THINKING: Good news about hope, and food for the soul, in your family Elections Praying

Pray for healthy and holy families, and for candidates to win who will remove from our schools the sex education that teaches them how to sin and encourages them to do it, and other doctrines of demons that shake their fists in God's face.

Bible Isaiah 52:7-9; Hosea 4:5; Deuteronomy 4:8-9; Ephesians 6:4

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. What good news brings hope and meaning to our children, grandchildren, and new believers?
Note: peace = *shalom* = nothing missing, nothing broken, nothing lacking, strength, wholeness, health
- b. What will characterize your home as you and your offspring believe the reasons for hope?
- c. Whose responsibility is it to get the good news from God and teach it by His grace?
- d. Ask God to help you form a plan to share specific good news this week to each of your children and grandchildren. And maybe even a niece, nephew, or person you are discipling.
- e. Write them in your journal as you receive them and gain courage and favor to share them effectively.
- f. What will God do as you intercede and interact with your prodigal sons and daughters over time? See Isaiah 49:24-25; Jeremiah 31:15-17

8. MESSIAH-LIKE THINKING: Good news about miracles that transform souls and bodies Elections Praying

Ask God to show you which candidate on your ballot will do a better job of advancing His righteous desires in each office, one at a time. Don't be surprised if He wants you to do some research using a website recommended in the party platform comparisons. Don't forget to wait for God's peace in His presence before you mark your ballot.

Bible Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21; John 14:12; Acts 1:8

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. Where does the anointing come from?
Note: Hebrew *mashach* = anoint; *Mashiach* = Greek *Christos* = Anointed One, Messiah, Christ; Greek *christianos* = Hebrew *meshichi* = Messiah-like = Christian.
- b. What did Jesus tell the people of Nazareth that means, "I am the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy"?

- c. What kind of soul miracles do anointed ones get to do? Picture yourself doing some of these.
- d. What kind of body miracles do anointed ones get to do? Picture yourself doing some of these.
- e. What can become an outstanding characteristic of your witnessing/good news-sharing after you are anointed, baptized in the Holy Spirit?
- f. Write a short prayer in your journal asking Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit, or to give you a new, more powerful impartation.
- g. Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to increase your thinking about, longing for, and acting with Messianic/Christ-like power.

9. MESSIAH-LIKE THINKING: Good news about intimacy with God

Elections Praying

Pray that candidates who will seek wisdom from God and godly people will win in each election. Pray for a landslide outcome so anybody who attempts to contest it will look foolish to the American voters.

Pray for righteous handling of ballots so every qualified vote is counted and no vote is counted more than once, and for those who handle the ballots and verify the count.

Bible Jeremiah 23:18, 21-22; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 5:16; John 6:57, 63;

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. What does one do in the “council of the Lord” (=intimate circle of Yahveh, where the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit discuss so others can hear them)? Think of yourself doing that as you continue through this short devotional time.
- b. What does the Lord say would happen when you say to someone what you heard Him say in His council, the way He said it?
- c. What does this mean about the importance of your attentiveness in His presence?
- d. What evidence is given in the gospels that Jesus became “addicted” to this kind of awesome experience?
- e. Does Jesus want you to ingest life from Him, the Living One, in the same way He ingested life from the Living Father?
- f. What would need to change in how you order your life for you to live as if this were the single most important thing, like it was for Jesus?
- g. Allow the Holy Spirit to well up your longings to experience intimacy with God on a regular basis. If this feels like the joy of being deep in love, that’s because it is—the way God created you to live every day.
- h. Write a short “Thank You” to God in your journal for the priceless permission He gives you to stand in His council.
- i. Write 2 or 3 things you will do today to express your love for Jesus.

10. THE ATONEMENT: Self-sacrificing, Messianic love that paid for forgiveness, reconciliation, and new life

Elections Praying

Ask God for opportunities to influence other voters to vote for candidates and propositions that will ensure that Messiah-like thinkers can practice their faith freely, safely, and joyously wherever they go in America.

Bible Leviticus 17:1; Isaiah 53:4-6; 49:5-6; Mark 10:45; Matthew 28:18-20

Personal Spiritual Renewal Questions

- a. What does God require on behalf of sinners to atone (=cover, pacify) for their sins?
- b. Who took the sin, sickness, and sorrow of covenantal Israelites on Himself so they could have *shalom* instead?
- c. Why should we believe that includes believing Gentiles like us?
- d. How do we know that Jesus knew that He was doing this? Notice the source of His knowledge/confirmation in this Messiah-like thinking.
- e. What are we, the church, commanded to do as we become obedient believers?
- f. Write in your journal two or three things you plan to do to help fulfill this "Great Commission."
- g. How can you symbolize your deep gratitude for the atonement of your sins, and receive more grace?

Suggestion: take communion in your home, with your household if they are also believers.

- h. Have these devotional questions improved the mind of Christ in you?
- i. Write a journal entry about how you can keep growing in your Messiah-like thinking.