

“What Could God Do In Forty Days With Your Life?” **(Acts 1:3; 13:36)**

The Bible is clear that God considers 40 days a spiritually significant time period. Quite often when God wanted to prepare a person—or a nation—for His purposes, He took 40 days to do it. In each case there is (1) a PURPOSE TRANSMITTED and (2) a PERSON TRANSFORMED. These “40 day passages” help us better understand “What on earth we are here for.”

- I. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE PRESERVATION of God for your life.
 - A. When God purposed to PROVIDE A REMNANT TO RESTART THE HUMAN RACE, NOAH'S life was transformed by 40 days of rain.
 - B. GENESIS 6:5-6
 - C. GENESIS 7:12
 - D. GENESIS 6:8
- II. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE PRECEPTS of God for your life.
 - A. When God purposed to PROVIDE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS and THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE, MOSES was transformed by 40 days on Mt. Sinai.
 - B. DEUTERONOMY 9:9
 - C. DEUTERONOMY 9:11
- III. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE PERSPECTIVE of God in your life.
 - A. When God purposed to PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR GOD'S PEOPLE AND A LESSON IN THEOCRACY, the SPIES (i.e. JOSHUA and CALEB) were transformed by 40 days in the Promised Land.
 - B. NUMBERS 13:25
 - C. NUMBERS 13:30
 - D. CAUTION: It is possible to spend 40 days in the promised land and not be transformed (cf. the 10 doubtful spies).
- IV. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE POWER of God in your life.
 - A. When God purposed to SHOW HIS POWER TO BE STRONGER THAN MAN'S POWER, DAVID was transformed by Goliath's 40 day challenge.
 - B. I SAMUEL 17:16
 - C. I SAMUEL 17:45
 - D. I SAMUEL 17:46-47
- V. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE PROVISION of God for your life.
 - A. When God purposed to PROVIDE SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH FOR HIS SERVANT; ELIJAH was transformed and given 40 days of energy from a single meal.
 - B. I KINGS 19:8
 - C. I KINGS 19:9
- VI. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE PITY of God upon your life.
 - A. When God purposed to BRING SALVATION TO A CITY and CHANGE PREACHER'S HEART, JONAH was transformed as God gave the people 40 days to change (i.e. repent).
 - B. JONAH 3:4
 - C. JONAH 4:11
- VII. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE PROTECTION of God over your life.
 - A. When God purposed to PROVIDE VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION AND SIN, JESUS was empowered by 40 days in the wilderness.
 - B. MARK 1:13
 - C. EXPECTATION IN 40 DAYS:
 1. Expect to be TESTED BY GOD.
 2. Expect to be TEMPTED BY SATAN.
 3. Expect to be MINISTERED TO BY ANGELS.
- VIII. It's worth 40 days to GAIN THE PURPOSE of God for your life.
 - A. When God purposed to CHALLENGE HIS FOLLOWERS TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, THE DISCIPLES were transformed by 40 days with Jesus after the resurrection.
 - B. Acts 1:3
 - C. Acts 1:8

FORTY DAYS can transform your life... your marriage... your family relationships... your finances... your employment... your love for Jesus and your service through His church. ACTS 13:36 “For David, after he served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers...”