

What Opens The Heavens?

GIVING

Malachi 3:10 *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."*

PRAYING

The angel said to Daniel
"I have come because of your words." Dan 10:12

FASTING

What was Daniel doing when the angel came to him?

"Giving + Fasting + Prayer = Angelica manifestation, miracles, signs and wonders."

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- Participate in one of the weekly PRAYER times

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Open Heaven Giving, Praying Fasting Part 2

Sunday, September 22, 2013

The Giving, Praying, Fasting Challenge

GIVE

A full tithe of your income to God in the next twelve weeks
The equivalent of one full week's wage to the cost of the new sanctuary before or by December 8

PRAY

Give one hour each of PRAYER for the church by participating in one of five corporate prayer gatherings

FAST

Do one 24 hour fast each week for the next 12 weeks

REVIEW

In Acts 10, Cornelius experiences a number of supernatural blessings.....

Why did these things happen to Cornelius?

He was praying

v.2 *"He prayed to God always..."*

He was giving

v.2 *"gave alms generously to the people"*

He was fasting

v.30 *"I was fasting til the ninth hour . . ."*

These were the same things Jesus at the sermon on the Mount

v. 2 *"when you (give) alms" . . .*

v.5 *"when you pray . . ."*

v.16 *"when you fast"*

WHO IN THE BIBLE EXPERIENCED AN OPEN HEAVEN?

JESUS

“When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.”

- Mathew 3:16 NKJV

JACOB

“Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it and said:

“I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...”

- Genesis 28:12-15 NKJV

EZEKIEL

“I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin’s captivity, the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was upon him there.”

- Ezekiel 1:1-3 NKJV

STEPHEN

“ . . . being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!””

- Acts 7:56 NKJV

JOHN

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True . . .

Revelation 19:11 NKJV

What Happens Under an Open Heaven?

Divine _____ (Ezekiel, Stephen, Peter and John)

Divine Direction (Peter, Cornelius, Jacob, John)

Divine Visitation (Jacob, Peter, Cornelius)

Household Blessing (Jacob, Cornelius)

Household _____ (Cornelius)

Outpouring of God’s Spirit (Jesus, Cornelius)

Divine Favor (Jacob, Ezekiel, Cornelius, Jesus)

“He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.””

John 1:51 NKJV

An open heaven is a _____

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV

*“In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth . . . and behold, a certain man clothed in linen . . . “ **Daniel 10:2-5 NKJV***

“ . . . he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days,”

Daniel 10:12-14

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms . . . “

Ephesians 3:10 NKJV