

LET OUR LIGHT SHINE

Introduction: Who would have thought 2020 would look like this?

- How have the people of God handled these situations in the past?
- Israelites: isolated themselves for 7 days, and then a further 7 if symptoms still there (Leviticus 13)



Leviticus:



Martin Luther (1500)



QUOTE: **Martin Luther** - when plague hit Germany in **1500**...

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then shall I fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence.

If God should wish to take me, He will surely find me, and I have done what He has expected of me; thus I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbour needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely, as stated above. See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

- Pray and fast – today and every Sunday until this is over
- Pray at 7pm (1900 hrs) each night for 19 minutes.

1. Be Real

- Have you ever questioned God?

Call to Prayer - Australia 2020



PRAY AND FAST EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL THIS PANDEMIC IS OVER

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Isaiah 58:3 *“Why have we fasted,” they say, “and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?” Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please, and exploit all your workers...*

- There is a saying – *“if it looks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck.”*
- God asks the question – does it have the heart of a duck?
- You fast, but:
 - Still exploit (v3)
 - Still quarrel (v4)
 - Humble yourselves (v5)
 - Loose the chains of injustice (v6)
 - Do not turn from the disadvantaged (v7)

2. Break Out

Isaiah 58:8 *Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.*

- Light breaks open the dark.
 - Healing = restoration of new life
 - Righteousness prepares the way
- God’s got your back!



Exodus 14:19(b)-20 *The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so, neither went near the other all night.*

- Enemy was kept in the dark

3. Your Destiny

Isaiah 58:11 *The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

- God's part:
 - He will guide you always
 - He will satisfy your needs in difficult times
 - He will strengthen your frame
 - Agility and nimbleness

Isaiah 58:12 *Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.*

- God's plan for us:
 - Rebuild
 - Raise up age-old foundations
 - Repair
 - Restore