

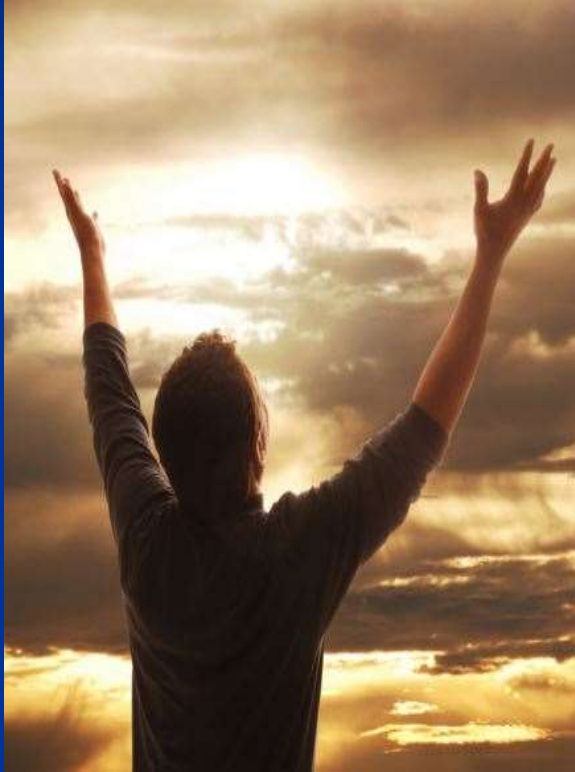
1. THE THREAT!



2. WHY FASTING?

- **NOT the same as penance**
- **Concentrate on praying – fewer distractions**
- **Reminder of our dependence upon God**
- **Often opens to a powerful work of God that ordinary prayer doesn't**

3. PRAISE AND THANKS



- ***THANKING GOD***
is for WHAT HE
HAS DONE
- ***PRAISING GOD***
is for WHO HE IS

4. WHY PRAISE GOD? - 1

**Because HE
DESERVES it!**

**The Great
Sovereign
GOD of power
and love.**



5. WHY PRAISE GOD? - 2

Because

HE

COMMANDS

it!

Psalm 103:1-2



6. WHY PRAISE GOD? - 3



***Praising God
reminds US
of who He is
and what He
can do***

7. WHY PRAISE GOD? - 4



***Praising God
opens up a
powerful
work from
Him***

8. WHY PRAY COLLECTIVELY

- **AMEN** means that God hears **ALL** praying not just one.
- **More powerful than individual**



9. AND FINALLY

**The words of Jehoshaphat's
army can be ours:**

***“Give thanks to the Lord
for His love endures
forever”***

2 Chronicles 20:21