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Speaker-AM: Josh Vinyard

Title: Fasting

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Speaker-PM: Tyler Glidden

Title: Melchizedek

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And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

Matthew 6:16

Hebrews 7:1-3

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

Don't Tell Me, May 20, 2025 by Zeke Flores

Sometimes, people just don't want to hear it- the gospel, I mean. As persuasive a preacher as Paul was, he couldn't convince everyone to repent and turn to Jesus. So, he moved on, but not before letting them know that it was their choice to make and the consequences were theirs to bear.

Nothing has changed. We want as many people as possible to hear and heed the gospel, but some simply won't. There are many reasons for this, but the bottom line is the same: They refuse. So, we move on, just as Jesus said (Matthew 7:6, 10:14).

As disheartening as that is, the evangelizing Christian needs to realize that he's not responsible for the conversion of anyone; he's only responsible for giving them the information they need to make an *informed* decision. And if they make the wrong one, it's their choice, and God will honor that choice. Just make sure you give them the right information.

"Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.' ... When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed" (Acts 13:46, 48).

Sin as a Practice, May 11, 2025 by Terry Wane Benton

"We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (I John 5:18-19).

Those truly related to God don't excuse sin and practice it. When they occasionally sin, they go right to the Advocate, confess their sin, and get the dirt washed away (I John 1:7-9). They don't like sin because it is not characteristic of the Holy God they live for. They confess regularly because they want to be cleansed regularly and do not seek to justify themselves in practicing any particular sin. They are not under the sway of the wicked one because they have a different attitude toward God, sin, and regularly cleansing themselves with the blood of Christ in regular appeals to their Advocate (I John 2:1-2).

Are you born of God?