

**Pursuing God in 2009**  
**Consecration 2009**  
**Pursuing God thru Prayer**

January 4, 2009

**1. Consecration is an annual observance of CRC based upon the Old and New Testament practice.**

*Exodus 32:29, Gen. 1.28*

*Heb 10:19-25*

*Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. NKJV*

**2. The purpose of consecration is to fill ourselves with Him and rededicate ourselves to His service.**

*Ex 28:41*

*You shall anoint them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests. NKJV*

**3. The fast doesn't change God but it changes you!**

*Is. 58.5 The fast that God chooses is about our own adjustment not a hunger strike!*

**4. Fasting is expected of New Testament Christians.**

*Matt 6:16 "When you fast. NIV*

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### **“Boldness to Pursue!”**

Heb. 10. 19-25; 1 Sam.30.1-10, 17-20

As we enter this 21 days of fasting and prayer there is only one thing that will determine our level of participation. Not health, not money, not even the level of spiritual maturity. The level of your participation will be determined by your level of bold faith to go after what is rightfully yours!

Jesus has established a way and covered this new way in His blood but we must still pursue. God had already made a way for David to catch up with his enemy but there would be no victory without pursuit.

There were four basic principles that David had to believe in order to pursue and you will need to do the same if you will successfully pursue God this month, this year and even the balance of your life.

1. David believed the Word God gave him to pursue.
  - *Heb. 10.19 enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,*
  - The priests gave him a sure word to go after the enemies

**1 Sam 30:8** "Pursue them," he answered. "You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue." NIV

- History says that God will not fail us when we seek His face with all of our hearts!
2. David believed God had and would make a way for his pursuit.
    - God had to slow up his enemies – the spoils made it difficult to move fast
    - God had to send David a guide! **John 16:13**

*13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth;*

- God had to send David others who would come in agreement with Him! **Mt. 18.19,20 / Deut. 32.30**

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3. David believed he would find what he was looking for.

*Ps 34:13-14*

*13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.*

*14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. KJV*

- Pursue peace
- Pursue godly conversation
- Pursue good works!

4. David believed he and his men had strength to defeat the enemy.

- He knew God would keep His word to David
- He knew God would keep His word to the men who fought
- He knew God would keep His word to those who didn't fight! [Verse 23](#)