



Lecture # 28

Bible Doctrine I- TH-110

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Course Information

1. Course Description

A study of the persons of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit and their unified teaching of the doctrines of the Bible.

Survey of the Doctrines of the Bible

VII-The Doctrine of Salvation

1-Gospel	<u>1 Cor. 15:1</u>
2-Salvation	<u>Rom. 10:13</u>
3-Reconciliation	<u>2 Cor. 5:19</u>
4-Propitiation	<u>Rom. 3:25</u>
5-Redemption	<u>1 Pet. 1:18-19</u>
6-Substitutionary Death	<u>Rom. 5:8</u>
7-Predestination	<u>Eph. 1:5</u>
8-Foreknowledge	<u>Rom. 8:29</u>
9-Conversion	<u>Rom. 6:17</u>
10-Repentance	<u>Luke 13:3</u>
11-Saving Faith	<u>Eph. 2:8</u>
12-Justification	<u>Rom. 3:28</u>
13-Forgiveness of Sins	<u>Eph. 1:7</u>
14-Regeneration	<u>Titus 3:5</u>
15-Adoption	<u>Eph. 1:5</u>
16-Union with Christ	<u>John 15:5</u>
17-Assurance	<u>1 John 5:13</u>
18-The Security of the Believer	<u>John 10:28</u>
19-Separation	<u>2 Cor. 6:17</u>
20-Priesthood of Believers	<u>1 Peter 2:9</u>
21-Liberty and Responsibility	<u>1 Cor. 9:19</u>
22-Prayer	<u>Matt. 7:7</u>
23-Fasting	<u>Isaiah 58:6</u>
24-Infant Salvation	<u>Matt. 19:14</u>
25-Dedication to the Will of God	<u>Rom. 12:1-2</u>

Introduction to Doctrinal Footnotes

These theological footnotes are divided into three sections **(1) explanation**, **(2) illustration**, and **(3) application**. When you have absorbed all the notes within one topic area, you will have completed a total survey of that doctrine.



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VII-Doctrine of Salvation

23-Fasting

Isaiah 58:6

Isaiah 58:6 (NASB)

⁶ Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke?

Explanation: Fasting is the discipline of abstaining from food for biblical reasons. It is called “afflicting one’s soul” ([Isaiah 58:3](#)), and is often practiced to demonstrate the sincerity of our prayers.

Isaiah 58:3 (NASB)

³ Why have we fasted and You do not see? Why have we humbled ourselves and You do not notice?' Behold, on the day of your fast you find *your* desire, And drive hard all your workers.

There are several biblical reasons for fasting. Christians should fast when:

- 1) facing a national crisis ([2 Chronicles 20:3](#); [Ezra 8:21](#); [Esther 4:16](#)),

2 Chronicles 20:3 (NASB)

³ Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

Ezra 8:21 (NASB)

²¹ Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.

Esther 4:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus, I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.

- 2) for individual needs ([Matthew 17:21](#)),

Matthew 17:21 (NASB)

²¹ [“But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”]

- 3) during periods of distress ([2 Samuel 3:35](#); [Psalm 35:13](#)),

2 Samuel 3:35 (NASB)

³⁵ Then all the people came to persuade David to eat bread while it was still day; but David vowed, saying, “May God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else before the sun goes down.”

Psalm 35:13 (NASB)

¹³ But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, And my prayer kept returning to my bosom.



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- 4) when facing spiritual decisions ([Matthew 4:2](#); [Acts 13:2](#)), and [Matthew 4:2 \(NASB\)](#)
² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.
[Acts 13:2 \(NASB\)](#)
² While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

- 5) in anticipation of Christ’s return ([Luke 5:35](#)).
[Luke 5:35 \(NASB\)](#)
³⁵ But *the* days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.

Illustration: Many people have found that heavy burdens are relieved through:

- 1) fasting ([Isaiah 58](#)),

- 2) wisdom is obtained through fasting ([Daniel 10](#)),

- 3) revival comes from fasting ([Isaiah 58:6](#)),
[Isaiah 58:6 \(NASB\)](#)
⁶ Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke?

- 4) God’s protection from danger is secured by fasting ([1 King 21:27-29](#)),
[1 Kings 21:27-29 \(NASB\)](#)
²⁷ It came about when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about despondently.
²⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
²⁹ Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, *but* I will bring the evil upon his house in his son's days.

- 5) recovery of a sick loved one may come after fasting ([Psalm 35:13](#)), and
[Psalm 35:13 \(NASB\)](#)
¹³ But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, And my prayer kept returning to my bosom.

- 6) the inauguration of a great ministry may follow fasting ([Matthew 4:2](#)).
[Matthew 4:2 \(NASB\)](#)
² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.



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Application: When a Christian fasts, he should begin with a short fast—one day from sundown to sundown—and attempt to spend time alone with God during the fast.

24-Infant Salvation

Matt. 19:14

Matthew 19:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ But Jesus said, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Explanation: Children who die before the age of accountability go to the presence of God and are considered safe in Jesus, rather than using the traditional word saved. This is based on the nature of God, who would not condemn anyone who lacked the ability to respond.

Illustration: Based on David’s words concerning a future meeting with his dead infant (**2 Samuel 12:23**), most Christians are assured that children who die before the age of accountability will be in heaven.

2 Samuel 12:23 (NASB)

²³ “But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

How this is accomplished is open to speculation, since the Bible does not specifically say. The age of accountability is generally thought to be the time at which a child understands the difference between right and wrong.

Application: Sometimes God will allow tragic events like the death of a child to enter our lives, so that we can understand and appreciate His comfort and be prepared to comfort others in their time of need. (**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**).

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NASB)

**³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

25-Dedication to the Will of God

Rom. 12:1-2

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)

¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Explanation: God’s will refer to His purpose for the life of the believer. It implies His guidance or direction in all of life’s decisions. Dedication is an act of surrender or submission to His will for our lives whereby we become a “**living sacrifice.**” Daily dependence on God results in our transformation into the image of Christ.



Illustration: When we seek to discern the will of God we must also be committed to doing the will of God as it is revealed in the Word of God ([John 7:17](#)).

John 7:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself.

Application: The believer should evaluate every decision on the basis of biblical principles, knowing that obedience brings God's blessing.