

The Season of Lent

To observe or not to observe.

The Season of Lent begins today.

Some churches make a big ritual out of it, some churches disregard it completely, except for Good Friday service.

What should Lent mean for us individually?

Again it is something of a personal choice whether to observe Lent or not.

Paul writes

Romans 14:5-6 (NASB) ⁵One person regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶**He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord**, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

Lent literally means spring.

It denotes the first new leaves of the spring. The tender green shoot after a long cold winter.

This season of prayer and fasting was incorporated into church services so that it is a time of personal renewal of our relationship with God.

It is the time, we take an extra effort set aside more time, to seek the Lord. This can be done at any time of our choice.

But as we are naturally placed in a community it can also be a very blessed time, when a community of believers, choose to come together to pray and meditate the Word of God.

As we walk through the sin soaked world, we are assaulted on all sides by various temptations.

Sometimes we are victorious, many times we succumb.

Then sometimes the pressures of this world close in around us.

As a result the soul space gets narrower and narrower.

The early love slowly slips out of our relationship with God. We still minister, we still preach, we still read the Bible.

But somewhere something had slipped out .

Some of us might not have even realised that something has gone out of our lives , like Samson

Judges 16:20 (NASB) ²⁰Samson awoke from his sleep and said, “I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.” **But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.**

Yet our God is a God of compassion slow to anger abounding in grace.

But when we sift our hearts and see something is missing, we need to ask the Lord to revive us.

The Lord is more than willing to fill us again, to revive us, to put His joy in our lives.

But do we take the time, to sit in His presence, just me and Him alone and plead,

Psalms 85:6-7 (NKJV) ⁶ Will You not revive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?
⁷ Show us Your mercy, LORD,
And grant us Your salvation.

The Lord’s Promise is there for sure for all of us

Malachi 3:7 (NKJV) ⁷
Return to Me, and I will return to you,”
Says the LORD of hosts.

We all are in need of grace

We all are in need of cleansing

We all are in need of more grace and more cleansing.

Let us return to the Lord

Let Him shower us with latter rain, so that we bud, blossom and fruit again in this season again.