

Jeremiah 29:10–14 (NLT)

¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: “You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again.

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen.

¹³ If you look for Me wholeheartedly,
you will find Me.

¹⁴ I will be found by you,” says the LORD.

“I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”

Finally on the ROAD

Ezra 8:1-36



Proclaimed a Fast to

- **Humble** ourselves before God
- Ask for a **Safe** Journey

²³ we **Fasted** and **PLEADED** with our God (CSB)

²³ So we **Fasted** and **EARNESTLY** prayed (NLT)

Examples of Fasting in N.T.

- **WHEN** you Fast
- they **WILL** Fast
- Worshipping and **Fasting**
- Appointed **Elders** and Fasted

When we **FAST** we are saying to God that
He is more important to us than Food. MBI



Camels can carry up to 900 lbs



Donkeys can carry up to 250 lbs

³⁴ **Everything** was verified by **number** and **weight**, and the **total weight** was **recorded** at that time. CSB

1 Timothy 3:2–3 (CSB)

An **overseer**, therefore, must be **above reproach**,
the husband of one wife, self-controlled, **sensible**,
respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not an
excessive drinker, not a bully but gentle,
not quarrelsome, **not greedy**.

1 Timothy 3:8 (NIV)

Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and **not pursuing dishonest gain.**

²² **I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers** and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road,

WHY?

...because we had told the king,
The gracious hand of our God is
ON everyone who LOOKS to Him...

(NIV)

Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us also lay aside every weight**, and **sin which clings** so closely, and let us **run with endurance** the race that is set before us,

² **LOOKING to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross**, **despising the shame**, and is **seated at the right hand of the throne of God**.

O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

His Word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

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