Fasting, Prayer, and Humiliation for Sin – Part 1

1. Introduction (James 4:9, 1 John 1:5)
2. Historical Context
    a. Plague epidemic of 1625-1626 in London, England
    b. Primary sermon text: Psalm 35:13 (KJV)
3. Modern Relevance (Revelation 8:6-12)
4. *Sermon 1*: "God's people ought to take to heart the miseries and calamities of others, the judgments of God that do befall others."
    a. Proofs (Job 2:11, Job 30:25, Judges 21:2, Hebrews 13:3)
    b. Reasons (Isaiah 58:7, Amos 3:8, Deuteronomy 13:6-11, 1 Chronicles 13 and 15)
    c. Uses
        i. Take to heart and be rightly affected by the judgments of God we see in the world (Matthew 24:8)
        ii. Make right use of the judgment unto ourselves (Matthew 26:22)
    d. Applications
5. *Sermon 2*: "A chief duty we are to perform unto them that are in misery is to pray for them."
    a. Reasons (Job 38:11, 1 Timothy 2:1, Exodus 8:13, James 5:17-18)
    b. Uses
        i. "True Israelites are a blessing to the place they live" (Isaiah 19:24, Genesis 19:22)
        ii. Examine the power and efficacy of your prayers (James 4:3)

References

1. Arthur Hildersham – *Fasting, Prayer, and Humiliation for Sin*
2. Various Authors - *ESV Expository Commentary Series*
3. Robert Murray M'Cheyne – *Additional Remains*

"The way both to recognize our sin and to repent of it is through a deeper appreciation of the greatness of our salvation. The divine warrior has overcome sin and Satan, making the fruits of that victory available to believers. Big thoughts of God are at the heart of all true repentance, as Isaiah himself experienced in chapter 6. This gives us indeed a gospel to proclaim."

- Bob Fyall

"When first we knew the Lord, how did sin appear? We had awful discoveries of the exceeding sinfulness of sin. It appeared evil and bitter—the load that had crushed the Lord Jesus to the lowest hell; we could not bear it—we fled from temptation with our whole heart… Now we have little conviction of sin. Dry eyes in confession—little confession, or none at all—no times set apart for the confession of sin. Temptation little feared, the soul becomes bolder and bolder in its approaches to sin."

- Robert Murray M'Cheyne. *Additional Remains*