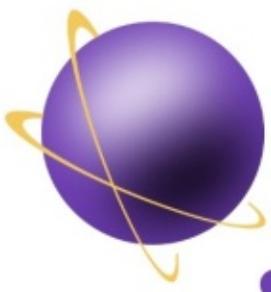


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Consecration Devotional

October 2021



Foreword from Pastor John

Thank you for joining the New Dimensions Church family in our Fall consecration. My prayer is that this experience will focus us on the call of Jesus Christ on our lives. If we maintain this focus, the experience will yield complete healing, wholeness and restoration to our minds, bodies and spirits, In the Name of Jesus!

I believe God has called us to this time of consecration to align ourselves with God's Will, here at New Dimensions Church. We are praying that God give us His wisdom and understanding as we continue to grow closer to God in our Christian journey. The Lord continues to faithfully guide the New Dimensions Church family through a Covid/variant plagued 2021 and thanks be to God He has covered New - D members. The Lord has been so faithful. As we continue to move forward on our ministry journey, we will continue to lean and depend on God for His protection, wisdom and understanding. I am encouraging the saints to use this time to join with the New Dimensions family as we consecrate TOGETHER!

I would encourage each of you to consecrate corporately with the New D family in your own way. The devotional detailed below speaks to our consecration in the use of technology and social media, but feel free to set time apart for God however you see fit in your life. While we are consecrating corporately, your approach is individual, as only you know your normal life practices in determining sacrifices to God.

As a ministry, we will be fasting from October 4th through October 6th, from 6am – 6pm. Feel free to adjust the times and style of fast as you see fit (i.e normal fast, partial fast, absolute fast, etc.) **Please be mindful of the requirements for your medicines and follow them accordingly.** Remember, consecration is more than going without food, it's a mindset and lifestyle. Please use wisdom in your approach to fasting and let me know if you have any question.

During this time of consecration please join us for corporate prayer on the following days and times:

- Monday – Wednesday 6:00am – 6:15am on our conference line. (716) 427.1083 pin: 899998#
- Monday - Wednesday, 7:00pm – 7:30pm on our conference line. (716) 427.1083 pin: 899998#

I love you all and appreciate you all. Detailed below is a description of Consecration and its significance in the life of the believer. The corporate devotion for the next three days is found on the following pages. Through this time of consecration, we will focus on how we individually need to “Come Back” to God. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do for the New Dimensions Church.

Pastor John Savoy, New Dimensions Church

Introduction

As we embark on this New Year, our hope and trust are that this devotional will deepen our knowledge of God's word through readings of the book of Nahum. The devotional will address individual commitments that we need to evaluate in relation to our commitment to God. The focus during this time will be to seek God and devise strategies for daily implementing more righteous commitments to God. It will be demonstrated through our thinking, speaking, and behavior. It is my hope that we will see ourselves through this time of consecration and endeavor in personal course correction in alignment with God's word.

I pulled this devotional together to guide us in our corporate time of consecration. The devotional encourages journaling, which is one of the strategies that I strongly endorse. During this time, I hope the devotional blesses you. The devotional is focused on Nahum and his commitment to fulfilling the prophetic call on his life. Through this time of reflection, my hope is that we identify areas where we can demonstrate more focus on God as we travel the highs and lows of life.

This time of consecration is intended to inspire us to seek God through Bible Study and Prayer. I want us to be more thankful for what the Lord has already done in our lives. Additionally, I want us all to seek the Lord for help and advice on where we are not as committed to God and our calling as we could be. On each of the consecration days, I am asking that you complete the following sections:

1. Thankfulness – Daily write Ten things for which you are thankful.
2. Need – Write what advice or help you need from God.
3. Pray & Read – Pray as you read God's word that it speaks to you and transforms you into His image.
4. Believe – Write what you believe God has promised you through this scripture in alignment with the need you listed. (i.e. "According to the Word of God, I believe...")
5. Speak – Speak your belief statement audibly. (Rom. 10:17)
6. Live – go through the day looking for opportunities to live your belief statement. (Jam. 1:22-25)

Through this time, I hope we all strive to recognize the importance of having Jesus in our lives and why we need a close walk with Him. If Christ is truly necessary in our lives, then we must have a desire to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. (Philippians 3:10, NIV) And this should be manifested through our commitments to serve God.

Goals

1. To provide the saints of New Dimensions Church with topics and scriptures which will enhance their knowledge of Jesus Christ during this time of consecration.
2. To encourage study of the word of God through the book of Nahum.
3. To inspire the reading of God's word and the study of such for a deeper understanding of the word of God.

4. To equip the New Dimensions saints using this devotional with Biblical truths that will enable them to live victorious and committed Godly lives.

5. The reader should be equipped, strengthened, fortified to show the love of Jesus and lead others to Jesus!

Consecration Guidance

The word *consecration* isn't a commonly used word, but even so, we might have an existing concept about what it means. In religion, the word *consecration* has been used in relation to the official ordaining of a person to be a preacher, a priest, or a missionary. This use implies consecration is for a special category of people.

But the consecration revealed in the New Testament is for **every** believer in Christ. It's not something only for knowledgeable Christians or spiritually mature ones. In fact, as we'll see, we cannot subjectively know the life of Christ in us or reach spiritual maturity without consecrating ourselves to the Lord. This is because consecration is the **basis** for every spiritual experience.

So, what is consecration? Consecration is our giving ourselves to the Lord to become "a living sacrifice," as Paul says in

Romans 12:1: "I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service."

In the Old Testament, a sacrifice was something set apart for God by being put on the altar. When people offered that thing to God, it no longer belonged to the one offering it. It belonged to God, for His use and His satisfaction.

Today, when we consecrate ourselves to the Lord, we become a living sacrifice. We give up our own claims on ourselves and put ourselves completely in His hands. Previously, our life was for our use and our satisfaction; now it is for His.

When we present ourselves to the Lord as a living sacrifice, we're simply saying, "Lord Jesus, I am for You. I'm no longer for myself, the world, or anything else. I am for Your use and Your satisfaction."

Overview of Nahum

Theme: The book focuses on the fact that the Assyrian Empire and their capital city Nineveh, will be destroyed. Nahum is basically the sequel to Jonah. Almost every verse of the book describes the fall of Nineveh, which took place nearly 100 years after Jonah's warning to the Ninevites. It is clear the Ninevites had fallen back from the recommitment they made under the teachings of Jonah. It is clear, the message of a committed life to the true God had not been passed down through their lineage. In contrast, the people had reverted to their extremely evil/cruel lifestyles.

Nahum, whose name means *comfort*, serves as one of the Old Testament minor prophets. Nahum is bold and committed to the call of his life. Realize he brings warning and prediction of the downfall of the Assyrian Empire when they were at the height of their power. Nahum delivers the message of the judgement of God in an extremely detailed manner. God speaks to Nahum through visions. I am sure the graphic imagery used by God enabled him to pen the majority of this book.

The book of Nahum is not intended to scare anyone; however, I believe it serves as a healthy reminder of the sovereignty of God. The first chapter discusses the character of God in a descriptive manner. Equally, as we work our way through the book, we can see the judgement of God after ample warning. A commitment to living a Godly lifestyle will align us properly with Jesus and on the "right side" of His judgement.

The book is comprised of 3 chapters. The book is broken down into three sections:

1. The Author – Nahum (Nahum 1:1)
2. The Majesty of God (Nahum 1:2 – 14)
3. The Judgment of God (Nahum 1:15 – 3:19)

The book of Nahum reinforces, that God is in control. God will call nations and individuals to account for their behavior. We must insure that as Christians, we are totally committed to God in our daily living, thinking and behavior. Our focus, "**I Am Coming Back**," serves as a statement of commitment, warning and promise for all mankind.

There is a lot we can learn in the study of Nahum, join me as we Grow in God's Word, together...

Consecration - Day 1
If You Trust Him, Then He Knows You!
Nahum 1

Thankfulness:

<u>1.</u>	<u>6.</u>
<u>2.</u>	<u>7.</u>
<u>3.</u>	<u>8.</u>
<u>4.</u>	<u>9.</u>
<u>5.</u>	<u>10.</u>

Need:

Pray & Read:

[Nahum 1:7](#)

Thought:

The enemy seeks to distract us and will present erroneous thoughts and lies to distract us from trusting in God. If not careful, you will find yourself living life in a defensive posture. Based off of the scriptures in Nahum 1 leading up to verse 7, a defensive posture for Believers doesn't appear to align with the attributes/promises of God. Nahum 1:7 aligns with so many other promises of God's goodness. When times of troubles rise, we can see the goodness of God being manifested in our lives, we must simply trust Him.

If you struggle with seeing God's goodness in the difficult situations of your life, then you should memorize this scripture. Use this passage of scripture like medicine for the sickness of the soul. Repeat this scripture until it soothes your soul and permits your faith to supersede your anxiety/frustration.

Do you trust Jesus in every situation in your life, if so, then He knows you? If not, what will it take for you to trust Him? He's already promised your victory. Make the commitment today, "I am coming back!" And let the Lord lead you in the "how."

Believe: ("According to the Word of God, I believe...")

Speak: (Speak your belief statement.)

Live: (List how you plan to live out your belief statement.)

Consecration - Day 2
Salvation Amidst Judgement
Nahum 2

Thankfulness:

<u>1.</u>	<u>6.</u>
<u>2.</u>	<u>7.</u>
<u>3.</u>	<u>8.</u>
<u>4.</u>	<u>9.</u>
<u>5.</u>	<u>10.</u>

Need:

Pray & Read:

[Nahum 2:2](#) & [Nahum 2:13](#)

Thought:

The judgement of a loving God may seem harsh in the readings of Nahum. God's judgements are personal, but so is His loving salvation for His people during judgement as portrayed in verse 2. Judah had been warned and still turned their back on God, ultimately, they were plundered by Assyria. The Lord's promised restoration of Judah as God's heritage (vines) is indicative of salvation amid judgement. God remembers the presence, provision, and peace that he blessed Jacob with and promises to restore Israel in like manner. God cares for you and wants to be in a committed relationship with you. Not a part time lover (Stevie Wonder), but in committed relationship with you.

Have you heeded the spiritual warnings you have received? Today's readings make it very clear; God remembers His covenants. Heed the warnings, it's time to totally come back!

Believe: ("According to the Word of God, I believe...")

Speak: (Speak your belief statement.)

Live: (List how you plan to live out your belief statement.)

Consecration - Day 3
God's Judgement Shall Come to Pass
Nahum 3

Thankfulness:

<u>1.</u>	<u>6.</u>
<u>2.</u>	<u>7.</u>
<u>3.</u>	<u>8.</u>
<u>4.</u>	<u>9.</u>
<u>5.</u>	<u>10.</u>

Need:

Pray & Read:

[Nahum 3:7-8](#)

Thought:

At the time of Nahum's writing, Assyria was the reigning world superpower of the day. Nahum predicted that when destruction came, the world would rejoice over it; and the citizens of that state would be miserable and alone, with no one to comfort them. God warned the Assyrians of other former fallen world powers that had failed to submit to God. The lesson here for Nineveh, the city that had once repented at the preaching of the prophet Jonah, was that there is nothing worse in either individuals or nations than repenting of repentance. Which is exactly what Assyria did as the later generations, after Jonah's message, returned to their forefathers' sinful ways and foolishly attacked Israel. It is God's desire that all people in every generation repent and follow Him (2 Pet. 3:9 and Acts 17:30).

Despite what you are going through, God's judgement is sure to be delivered. What a promise! This should be comforting to the Believer, that we are promised that our Godly efforts are not meaningless and that our God will vindicate us from our oppressors.

Have you repented of your repentance? We should all recognize; the Great **I AM**, is Coming Back! Will you be ready to meet Him?

Believe: ("According to the Word of God, I believe...")

Speak: (Speak your belief statement.)

Live: (List how you plan to live out your belief statement.)
