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Joel 1:14

“Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assemble, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD, your God, and cry unto the LORD.” Joel 1:14

"Extremis malis extrema remedia" To be sure, “Desperate times, call for drastic measures!” The question may be better framed in this manner – how difficult must our situation become before we will cry out to the Lord in desperation for His help?!

We all have a certain tolerance level to such things as cold or even pain. Some folks are able to tolerate far more cold than others. Some rush for a pain reliever at the first sign of a small headache while others simply power their way through the discomfort.

For the believer, we must be watchful that we maintain a short or low tolerance level to sin. To allow sin to creep deeper and deeper into our lives is dangerous business. Imperceptibly it mars our lives and gradually we lose, what was once, a sweet and precious fellowship with the Lord.

Should we employ desperate prayer measures only when the circumstances we face are fraught with distress or our situation hopeless? Friend, desperate prayer action is in order when we see a lessening of answers to prayer. For the believing Christian, the moment we lose that intimate contact with the Holy Spirit we are in desperate need. Begin today working at lowering your spiritual tolerance level to the end that you may become desperate for His presence at all times!

“As the deer pants after the water brooks, so my soul longs after You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, “Where is my God?” (Psalm 42:1 – 3).

“My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.” (Psalm 84:2).

How hungry are you for the things of God?

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