

## People Of The Hour

**Scripture:** Esther 4:14 NIV

### Introduction

Never has Satan made a more concerted effort to destroy the church. He has created concerted attacks on the church from within and without. Satanically inspired, humanistic philosophy is opposed to the gospel and pledged to destroy the work of the gospel. God is looking for men and women to perpetuate His work.

Those whom He will use will:

#### I. Dare to be placed by God in His will

**Isaiah 6:8 NIV** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, "Here am I. Send me.

- A. Seek the revelation of God's will
- B. Let God place you where He wants you
  - 1. Moses at the burning bush
  - 2. Paul to the Ephesian elders

**Acts 20:23-24 NIV** I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me -- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

#### II. Move God through prayer and fasting

**Acts 12:5, 7c NIV** So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying for him .... and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

**Mark 9:28-29 KJV** And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

- A. Prayer without ceasing for Peter while in prison

- B. Esther fasted before approaching the king

#### III. Act to neutralize Satan's plans

**Luke 10:19 NIV** I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

**1 John 4:4 NIV** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one that is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

- A. Realize the authority of the believer
- B. Be prepared to act sacrificially

**Esther 4:16c NIV** And if I perish, I perish.