

CITY OF BRIDGES

Lent

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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SCRIPTURE

"The Lord judges the peoples; judge me, O Lord,
according to my righteousness and according to
the integrity that is in me"

PSALM 7:8

DEVOTIONAL

As many of us celebrate Lent and practice sacrificing something for the sake of our Father, it is important to think about our hearts' intentions. Are we doing this for the right reason? Is this for self-fulfillment or God's Glory? This passage speaks to all of us, showing that coming before the Lord isn't just about laying down our actions before Him; it's also about our integrity and honesty before Him. That starts with having the right intentions in the things that we do in our everyday lives. I pray that all of us can come before the Lord with integrity and honesty, and that we can fully examine our hearts for the Lord.

REFLECTION

Are we participating in Lent for our own fulfillment or God's glory?

Are we truly laying down everything before the Lord?

How can we ensure we have the right heart posture when participating in Lent?

PRAYER

Dear Lord,

You judge with righteousness, and you see my heart completely. As I enter this season of Lent, I ask that you search my intentions and refine them. Help me not to participate for appearances, routine, or pride, but out of a sincere desire to draw closer to you, Lord. If there is anything in me that seeks recognition instead of repentance, comfort instead of change, or habit instead of love, please correct it. Mold my actions so they reflect your righteousness and faithfulness. Teach me to walk with humility, honesty, and trust in you, Lord, knowing that you judge not by what is seen, but by what is within. May my sacrifices be offered with a pure heart, and may they lead me towards a deeper relationship with you.

In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.

APPLICATION

If you haven't already thought of a way to participate in Lent, try to find something! It can be simple, like trying to fast, or a way for you to give up a luxury in your life (social media, hobbies, etc.) to make more time for the Lord. But always remember, it needs to be with the right intention. Take time every day to reflect on why you are participating and lay everything before the Lord. Pray to the Lord and ask for his guidance, seeking refinement from him every moment of the day. If you are struggling, remember that this isn't for your own personal benefit but God's glory and fulfillment.

SONG

Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me
I SURRENDER - HILLSONG WORSHIP
