



Praying as families for those exploited in their work.

Day 2

In Isaiah 58:4, God rebukes the Israelites, pointing out that even on the day of their fasting, they exploit their workers. This revelation likely came as a surprise to them, as they had not recognized this behavior as contrary to their spirituality. It suggests that they had become desensitized to God's expectations and their disregard of their treatment of others.

As followers of Jesus, who called us friends, we are called to reflect God's nature in our interactions with others, including those who work alongside us or serve us in various capacities. Our treatment of household staff or subordinates in the workplace is significant to God and should reflect fairness and justice, not exploitation.

Across many nations, laborers endure harsh conditions to build structures and provide essential services. Yet, they often face exploitation through low wages and grueling labor, leading to struggles to provide for their families. This injustice is evident in the rising number of farmer suicides in places like India. God's compassion extends to these individuals, as demonstrated in His response to the Israelites' cry for deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

God calls His people to act with fairness and justice, not to participate in the exploitation of others. Have we, as families, been indifferent to the plight of exploited workers? We must repent of any complicity in exploitation and ask God to instill in us a compassionate heart for those who suffer. Let us pray for the families affected by exploitation, asking for God's intervention to bring about justice and provision for their needs.



LET US PRAY

Lord, we acknowledge that exploitation of laborers grieves Your heart, and we repent if we have been indifferent or complicit in such practices. Shine Your light on any areas of exploitation in our lives and help us to correct our ways. May Your Church understand Your heart and demonstrate Your love through our actions. We lift up those families who are exploited in their work, praying for justice, provision, and an awareness of Your presence to bring them strength and hope. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

