

Only by Prayer and Fasting

Mark 9:29 (NKJV) – *So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”*

Interestingly, NU-Text omits “and fasting”.

My Sword Bible app states:

M TR (p45(vid) A C D E F G H K L M N S U V W X Y Gamma Theta Pi Sigma Phi Psi Omega 0211 f1 f13 33 892 1342 al. Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.b.c. d.f.ff2.i.l.q.r1) vg syr(s.p.h.pal) sa bo aeth arm geo2 goth slav; Diatess(arab), Tert, Cl(hom), Juv, Ast, Hil, Ath, Bas, Ambr, Chr, Hier, Aug). NU (Aleph* B Delta* 0274 lat(k) geo1; Cl) lacks “and fasting,” apparently from haplography ¹ by homoioarcton ² : ka-ka

So, the question arises: Which statement is correct? Which one did Jesus utter – “prayer” or “prayer and fasting”?

This actually matters.

Most evangelical Christians quote and implement “*prayer and fasting*” because they say that’s what the word of God states. But which one of the two expressions is the word of God?

If we do the wrong one, we are out of alignment with spiritual principles.

If we do “*prayer and fasting*” just to ‘cover all the bases’, we are not aligning with Heaven. Instead, we are operating at the second-rate level of “I don’t know”, and the enemy laughs at the lack of genuine spiritual authority.

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1 – The inadvertent omission of a repeated letter or letters in writing e.g. writing *philogy* for *philology* (Google)

2 – *Homoioarcton*, means “same beginning,” and is the inverse error of homoioteleuton. *Homoioarcton* occurs when scribe’s eye skips. (Google)