

*because* they do not want—that is not a matter of ceremony but a matter of will.

Then, as to the result of fasting, see Matt. xvii. 14 to 21—"And when they were come to the multitude, there came to Him a certain man, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed; for oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said: Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by *prayer* and *fasting*."\*

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\* The authorized version has been followed here. Like Luther's it was made from the Greek Text of Erasmus (1516) and Stephens (1550), formed from manuscripts of later date than the tenth century, and which from the mere process of copying and re-copying alone for so many centuries, were not free from errors, and also interpolations, made to suit peculiar creeds. Since then, however, Greek, Latin, and other manuscripts have been discovered, the oldest of which, the Sinaitic, was made perhaps as early as A.D. 331; the Vatican which comes next, about the year 350, and the Alex-