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Did you ever wonder what that must have been like?

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And if so, what was that like?

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What is fasting and why does Jesus assume we will practice that spiritual discipline?

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Who wouldn't desire an open reward from the Lord?

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Andrew Murray (1898)

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Will you ask the Lord to enable and inspire you to pray, with fasting, for the Holy Spirit to be revealed in your life and in this church so that Christ “may have the preeminence” in all things?
(Col. 1:18)

