

White Park Church of Christ

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Sermon "A Famine for the Word of God"

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The Lord is Speaking ..
Are we Listening?

1 Sam. 3:1-21

NOTE VERSE ONE:

And **the word of the Lord was rare** in those days; there was **no widespread revelation**

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Note verse 9-10

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, **that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'**" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, **"Speak, for Your servant hears."**

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A Famine for the Word of God

Amos 8:11-12

11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD,
"That I will send a famine on the land,
Not a famine of bread,
Nor a thirst for water,
But of hearing the words of the LORD.

12 They shall wander from sea to sea,
And from north to east;
They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
But shall not find it.

Searching the Scriptures

We Must Search the Scripture

John 5:38-40

WHY?

But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him **you do not believe.** 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

We have a Famine in the Land today of God's Word

- Lack of Respect for God and His Name
- Lack of Knowledge of God Divine Law
- Confusion on what is SIN
- Failure to demand strong teaching
- Material things more important than God's Word
- Moral Corruption
- Religious Corruption

TO FIX THESE PROBLEMS WE MUST
SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES AND OBEY THEM

Jer. 29:12-14

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 **And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.** 14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

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Lam 3:40-41

Let us search out and examine our ways,
And turn back to the Lord;
41 Let us lift our hearts and hands
To God in heaven.

We Can End the Famine

- The Bible contains the power of creation
- The Bible offers regeneration of the soul

1 Peter 1:23

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, **through the word of God which lives and abides forever,**

We Can Search for the Doctrine of Christ

2 Tim 3:14-17

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Let Us Search the Word to Find

- Truth

Acts 17:11

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily** to find out whether these things were so.

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Let Us Search the Word to Find

- For Enlightenment

Ps 119:105-112

Your **word is a lamp to my feet**

And **a light to my path.**

106 I have sworn and confirmed

That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much;

Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

108 Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,

And teach me Your judgments.

109 My life is continually in my hand,

Yet I do not forget Your law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,

Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,

For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes

Forever, to the very end.

Let Us Search the Word to Find

- KNOWLEDGE

John 8:31-32

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let Us Search the Word to Find

- Freedom

Rom 6:17-23

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been **set free from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness. 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 **But now having been set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let Us Search the Word to Find

- To Learn God's Will

Matt 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall

enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does**

the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will

say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23

And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Let Us Search the Word to Find

- To Prepare for the Coming Judgment Day.

John 12:48

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

Let Us Search the Word to Find

- The truth about Christ and His Kingdom.

John 5:39-40

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Matt 16:18-19

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Let us END THE FAMINE in the Land by Reading and Studying and SHARING the Word

Acts 20:32

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Let us READ AND STUDY
OUR BIBLE
DAILY

**Hope to see You Wednesday Night
at 7:30 PM for the first night of our
Gospel Meeting**

