

AN EARNEST ATTENTION TO THE WORD OF THE LORD. 1 Sam. 7:3

1. The law given in other days. Deut. 6:14; "Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you."
 1. We do not need new truth, we just need the old truth revitalised.
 2. How much of old truth lies in the mind of every man.
2. WE NEED THE OLD TRUTH SPOKEN WITH NEW POWER
 1. The preaching of the word is necessary and important in every genuine revival. Jeremiah 23:28, 29; "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord." 29-Is not my word like a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces." Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any towedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a descerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
3. THE WORD OF GOD ADAPTED TO THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE. It is designed to meet every condition of the people. Examples:
 1. The word of God is set to test the sincerity of desires and purposes.
 1. "IF": Supposing that "IF you do?" Some condition will follow.
 2. If you return to the Lord. Three things that will be:
 1. You will incite the gathering of your enemy (Philistines) against you. NOTE: Our enemy is the world in general.
 - (1) The Philistines had not objection to the Israelite worship of Baal and Ahstaroth.
 - (2) But as soon as they heard of their return to God, they mustered their forces to attack them.
 - (3) So sin struggles to retain its yoke on the sinner who is making some effort to escape the tyranny of sin.
 2. A renewed, determined conflict with the enemies of man and God.
 - (1) A militant character must be maintained. 1 Tim. 1:18; "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare."
2 Tim. 2:4; "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath shosen him to be a soldier."
 3. The assured sympathy and help of God. "Hither to hath the Lord Helped us." implies three things:
 - (1) We need the help of the Lord. (We need his help to overcome.)
 - (2) The help of the Lord is always equal to our need.
 - A. Moses was able to stand up against the King of Egypt because God was with him.
 - (3) God's help is conditioned on our doing our part.
 - A. He that cometh to God must believe that he is, Heb. 11:6.
 - B. If a man love me...we will make our abode with him. John 14:23
 - C. Naaman had to dip in Jordan, 2 King 5:10
 - D. The blind man had to wash in Siloam. John 9:1-7
 - E. Paul had to arise and be baptized, Acts 22:16
3. To instruct them in their duty, "Put away the strange gods."
4. To encourage them to hope for deliverance, "He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."

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(3) GOD, a deity is conditioned on one deity only. He is
not a deity with him.

(5) THE WORD of the LORD is eternal and the KING of HEAVEN
is the LORD of the LORDS.

(7) WE NEED THE WORD of the LORD (we need his word so we can
be saved).

1. THE WORD of the LORD is the WORD of GOD. It is the
WORD of GOD that we need to be saved.

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to see, you must see the WORD of the LORD.

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2. WE NEED THE WORD of the LORD. It is the WORD of GOD
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(3) SO WE NEED THE WORD of the LORD. It is the WORD of GOD
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4. THE STONE OF HELP. 1 Sam. 7:12; "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name Ebenezer (The stone of help) saying, Hitherto to hath the Lord helped us."
1. Many monuments are set up throughout the world.
 1. Twenty years before a battle had been fought and lost on this very sight. Drenched with the blood of 30,000 men. 1 Sam. 5:10
 2. The Tomb of the unknown soldier in Washington.
 2. This memorial, Ebenezer, was set up for three reasons:
 1. To remind of God's help in the past.
 - (1) It reminded them of the flash of lightning and the great crash of thunder with which God sent the Philistines down to defeat.
 2. To remind of God's help in the present.
 - (1) It reminded them of their present position and that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12
 - (2) The monument reminded them and should remind us that:
 - A. We cannot live upon a vanished vision.
 - B. We cannot live upon a good impression made twenty of twenty-five years ago.
 3. To remind them that they would need God's help in the future.
 - (1) HITHERTO means more than it seems to say.
 - A. It looks backward as well as to the present and speaks to us of the future.
 - (2) The monument will remind us of him who changes not. Malachi 3:6; "For I am the Lord. I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."
5. CLOSING THOUGHTS: The results;
1. There was a true revival (13, 14).
 2. The power of the enemy was broken (14). "The hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel."
 3. Far reaching peace was established between the children of Israel and the Amorites. Verse 14.
6. THINK ON THIS: When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. -Proverbs 16:7

