

Is There Any Word From The LORD? (Part 2)

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"When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon," **Jeremiah 37:16-17.**

Do the scriptures seem to be out of date in this modern world? To some they are more fitting in the past when life was simpler. Now with the technology of today we seem to have less time to ourselves and can hardly go anywhere and be out of contact with others. Even in church, or a funeral home, you often hear someone's phone ring. I have seen two, or three, people at a table and each of them on their phones talking to, or texting, someone in another location. I'm sure that we've got more contact with other people, but we have less contact with God.

Many churches have less emphasis on the Word of God and more on social activities. Bible study and evening services have been dropped at many congregations. Sunday

school is not important to many church members and is in danger of being lost too. People say that they are too busy and have little or no time to come to these services. This results in folks having little knowledge of the bible and with the passing of time they drift farther away from the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 tells of a "Falling away," which is usually mentioned as a falling away in the number of people coming to church. While this is true it can also refer to a falling away from the true teaching of God's Word.

Many have decided to stop preaching about doctrines that people don't like. Hell is one that some churches and preachers have stopped talking about. The excuse is that it scared people and so they just don't want to talk about it. Jesus talked about it and so did the church so what gives modern man the authority to drop the subject? There are many doctrines in the bible that some people have decided to ignore. What will they say when they stand before the Lord? "Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word." **Jeremiah 26:2.**

So in this modern day in which we live we might ask the question, "Is there any word from the Lord? Consider this from **Jonah 3:1-2**, "And the word of the LORD came unto

Jonah the second time, saying, 2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." These verses show that God had not changed his mind. Jonah was to preach the same message that God had told him to in the first place. It is the same today, we are to preach the same message of salvation that God gave to man in the beginning. The plan of salvation has not changed; we will need to obey and do what Jesus told us to do. We need to repent and seek to walk with God, not in a way that satisfies us, but in the way that God commanded.

We are told in scripture to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. That is still the command, but how many try to do that? A lot of people know more about their favorite sports team than they do about God's Word. Have you noticed that the same persons who don't have time to read the bible will know all about the ball game, finances, politics, and whatever else they are interested in? "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," **Matt 6:21.**

If we are serious about living for the Lord then we know what we must do. Live for God, doing his will and listening to his word and not that of every deceiver and false teacher that comes along. God hasn't changed, but, we had better change from giving lip service to actually walking with the Lord.

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THERE IS GOOD GRAZING IN EGYPT, BUT ABRAM ALSO KNOWS HE IS A STRANGER IN THIS LAND, AND...

...THE PHARAOH IS ALL-POWERFUL AND RUTHLESS WHEN HE WANTS TO BE!

...NOW, AS HIS FLOCKS GRAZE, HE PONDERES OVER WHAT THE EGYPTIANS MAY WANT FROM HIM, FOR COMING UNBIDDEN INTO THEIR LAND...

...THEY ARE MUCH WEALTHIER THAN HE, BUT, STILL, HE DOES POSSESS A MOST RARE JEWEL....

IF THE EGYPTIANS SEE THEE, THEY MAY KILL ME IN ORDER TO KEEP THEE! SAY, THEN, FOR MY SAKE, THAT THOU ART MY SISTER SO THAT THEY MAY NOT KILL ME!

...SARAI, HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE! WHAT IF THE EGYPTIANS, ON SEEING HER GREAT BEAUTY, SHOULD KILL HIM IN ORDER TO POSSESS HER! IN ABRAM'S MIND, IT IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY, AND SO HE HASTENS TO THE TENT OF HIS WIFE TO PLAN WHAT TO DO IN CASE TROUBLE OF THIS SORT SHOULD HAPPEN!

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