

STARVED FOR THE WORD

Intro. If at banquet then contrast with famine.
 If not, talk of last days. Note 2 Tim 3 in context.
 1 Tim 4--depart from faith. Amos 8:11. Today a famine.

I. Famine for Possessing Word.

- A. Bec of politics. Those behind iron curtain. More Russians than all in N. Amer. Need to be reminded of millions who cannot possess Word. Hardly any Bibles behind iron curtain.
- B. Bec. of prayerlessness. Need to pray for Xns there. e.g. China. Need to pray for diplomats, tourists who can go. Balloon project. Radio. Those who come out as Baptists at Bap World All.

II. Famine for Propagating the Word.

- A. Bec of procrastination of missions.
 - 1. In giving the Word in native tongues.
2796 languages. 1696 have part Bible, 185 whole.
 - 2. In establishing stations instead of indigenous churches. Failure to indoctrinate.
- B. Bec of the preference for personal pleasure. Describe hardships of Vola in Huehuetla. e.g. Haines who wouldn't even pray Lord to lead him out, but for ch in USA. He got one.

Solution to this famine, Jn 17:14.

III. Famine for Practicing the Word.

Story of Acts 19:11-41.

Reason for no practice is no fear of @od, vs 17.

Remedy for this famine, Jn 17:17.

IV. Famine for Preaching the Word.

- A. Bec it costs something in learning.
Takes time. Have to know, 2 Tim 3:15-Grk Heb Hist

Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

B. Bec it costs something in life.

Have to abide, meno, reside, 1 Tim 4:16;

2 Tim 3:15.

Have to embrace and defend, 2 Tim 1:13.

All of this is unglamorous.

Remedy-2 Tim 4:2.

Concl. Will you give yourself to alleviating the famine? Need in ch today is not better radio programs, or TV, or filmstrips, or visual aids. Need is for men to know Word, for men to practice is, propagate it so that all can possess it. Can't use any of the aids without knowledge. He who can explain the most simply is the one who knows the most accurately. What are you doing about it?

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