

**"Let's Build Our Church!"**

Revelation 3:7-13

INTRO: Jesus chastised the Sadducees who knew not the Scriptures nor the power of God. What would he say of modern Christians? Probably the same thing. There is a dearth of Bible teaching today. Most churches are Bible-lite, if they use the Bible at all. That is not God's desire!!

VI. WE NEED REAL CHRISTIANS WHO STUDY

1. The Materials For Our Study

- (1) The Indispensable Word - Dt. 29:29 vs. Ps. 19:1; Ro. 1:18-20
- (2) The Inspired Word - Mt. 4:4; 2 Tm. 3:16; 2 Pt. 1:20-21
- (3) The Inerrant Word - Ps. 19:7-9; Jn. 17:17; Mt. 5:18 ↓
- (4) The Infallible Word - Jn. 10:35; Is. 55:10-11 ←

2. The Motives For Our Study

- (1) Our Salvation Is By The Word - Ro. 10:17; 1 Pt. 1:23
- (2) Our Sanctification Is By The Word - Jn. 17:17; Ps. 119:9-11
- (3) Our Service Is By The Word - 2 Tm. 3:16-17; Ps. 119:101
- (4) Our Stimulation Is By The Word - Ro. 15:4; Ja. 1:22-25
- (5) Our Satisfaction Is By The Word - 2 Tm. 2:15; Je. 15:16
- (6) Our Safety Is By The Word - Ep. 6:17; 1 Jn. 5:4; Ga. 5:16
- (7) Our Sentencing Is By The Word - 2 Co. 5:9-10; Ps. 96:13

3. The Model For Our Study - Lk. 24:25-27, 44-45  
vs. Jn. 5:39; Mt. 12:24; 1 Pt. 2:8; Je. 8:7-9

4. The Mechanics For Our Study

- (1) Read - 1 Tm. 4:13; Cl. 3:16 (Ep. 5:18) Jn. 15:7
- (2) Remember - Ps. 119:11
- (3) Reflect - Ps. 119:15, 97; Ps. 1:2; Jo. 1:8
- (4) Research - Ac. 17:11; 2 Pt. 3:18; Ep. 4:11-15; Is. 8:20

5. The Maxim For Our Study - Ps. 111:7 - 112:1

CONCL: A scholar is one who studies. Therefore, we all need to be Bible scholars, that is we all need to be students of the Word of God. Through prayer we speak to God. Through the Word, God speaks to us. Hear Him! Heed Him!!

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**"The Born-Again Humpty Dumpty!"**

1 Kings 11:1-13

INTRO: Dr. J. Vernon McGee calls Solomon, "the most colossal failure in the pages of Scripture." The king who was gifted with wisdom, who carried the legacy of King David, who twice met personally with the Lord, who had riches and pleasure beyond our imagination, who would build the temple, is the same king who strayed far into the realm of the devil. Sadly, his wisdom and his heritage could not triumph over his lust. His fall was great, and the effects last to our day.

I. THE ROOTS OF A FALL

1. Disobedience To Moses' Commands v.5 - Ex. 20:2-5
2. Disobedience To Kingship Commands v. 3 - Dt. 17:14-20
3. Disobedience To Personal Commands v. 10 - 1 Kg. 6:12; 7:17-22

II. THE REBELLION IN A FALL

1. Permitting Other Gods vv. 1-3
2. Participating With Other Gods vv. 4-8

III. THE RUIN FROM A FALL

1. To His Person v. 9-11 (1 Sa. 15:22-23)
2. To His Progeny v. 12
3. To His People v. 13

IV. THE REMINDERS ABOUT A FALL

1. God's Eternal Love - Je. 31:3; Ro. 8:33-34, 38-39
2. Man's Eternal Lock - 1 Kg. 11:6; Ec. 12:13-14; Jn.6:37, 44; 10:27-29

CONCL: We come into this world fallen, lost, and bound for hell. God, in His sovereign love, reaches down to save us. Then begins a daily battle with Satan, the Sin Nature, and Society. Sadly, that battle has many casualties, brethren fallen from the light to walk in darkness again. But wonder of wonders, the amazing grace that saves us is the same grace that keeps us all the way to Father's house!

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