

Returning To Our Foundation

1 Samuel 3:1, 19–20

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Intro:

1. Extinct
2. Endangered

A. THE BURDEN WHEN WE DEPART FROM THE WORD OF GOD

1. We miss the direction of God (3:1)
2. We experience defeat in our lives (4:1-11)
3. We see the departure of the glory of God (4:21, 8:6)

B. THE BLESSINGS WHEN WE FOCUS ON THE WORD OF GOD

1. God's presence (v. 19a)
2. God's wisdom (v. 19b)
3. God's influence (v. 20)
4. God's revelation (v. 21)

Conclusion

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. Opening question: How has America departed from the Word of God and what are the obvious consequences to it?
2. 1 Samuel 3:1 says that when God's word is rare, there is no vision. Why is the practice of the Word of God anticipatory of the vision of God?
3. 1 Samuel 4:1-11 tells us about the fate of the Israelites when they tried to use the ark of the covenant to expedite their victory. What is wrong with this method and how is this revealed in our lives?
4. 1 Samuel 4:21; 8:6 tells us about the meaning of Ichabod. "Chabod" means weight in Hebrew. Romans 3:23 says that we have fallen short of the "glory" God. How does sin remove the 'weight' of God's glory in our lives? How can we restore it?
5. 1 Samuel 3:19-20 describes Samuel as a man deep in God's word. Share the benefits and blessings when we focus on the Word of God.
6. Close the Life Group and encourage one another to enroll in the Bible Engagement Project.