



There is coming a day, and now is, when the famine for the Word of the Lord shall be real in our lives. I believe we are in that famine, but I believe the famine is going to be worse, and many shall turn to whatever is available, and are already turning to that which is not of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are turning to the false teachers because they are hearing what they want to hear – and **not the Truth of God in Christ Jesus.**

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:
And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *[it]*.
In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.
They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beersheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again (Amos 8.11-14).

The chorus to the hymn, *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*, is important for us to hear against what the world and worldly churches are saying to you.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full into His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
Jesus Christ

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).*

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The Wise Still Seek Him

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They Shall Heap Teachers to Themselves

Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many (Mt 24.5). Were not there those in the day of Jeremiah say, like today, I am a prophet of God. How many people, church-goers, live by the prophets of today? They talk about them, how good they are, how wonderfully they know the Bible. Why?

Paul writes to young Timothy that they time will come when sound doctrine will not be accepted. Today, we are not hearing the Word of God in Christ Jesus from the "prophets," those standing on a pulpitum, or those teaching. The time is here when people have turned their ears, their hearts, from the Truth; they are looking for the word that tells them how wonderful they are and how everything is just fine. In fact, it *seems* that we are in a time of when those following the Lord Jesus Christ are focused upon as the ones going the wrong way.

This has happened all through life, from the beginning. Remember how the church in the wilderness turned against Moses in Numbers 16 (Acts 7.38)? Yes, a large number of people were swallowed up by the earth as the Lord sent an earthquake to envelope them for their sin. You may laugh and say, We are just fine living like we are, following the false teaching; we have not been swallowed up by an earthquake.

You may go on living a lie, but know that the Lord Jesus Christ will have the last say. He is God. He is Almighty God. Those going with the ones who tickle their ears, and tell them how good they are, and how everyone must be accepted – including their gods, will have an awakening at the Lord's time. Oh, the word is repent and follow Jesus Christ.

A *Message* was writing long ago, "Can So Many Be So Wrong?" The answer is, Yes! Read Matthew 7.13 as it gives us the answer, "many there be which go in thereat."

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *[is]* the gate, and broad *[is]* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait *[is]* the gate, and narrow *[is]* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Mt 7.13, 14).

Those who are endeavoring to live a godly life, to walk in obedience to the Lord God, hear (שָׁמָּה shâma' - meaning to **obey**) the Word of the Lord God.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry (II Ti 4.1-5).

It behooves us; it is our duty to take seriously the Word of the Lord. Time is of the essence. We mocked this and believe the Lord is returning, but centuries from now. Look around you, and see what is going on. Open your heart, your ears, and your eyes to see what the Lord Jesus Christ would have you to know. Time is short.

How many do you know that have turned away from the truth. How many do you know that seek those that will flatter them, tell them all is well, tell them they are doing well, tell them anything they want to hear? How many do you know that dabble in cults, other religions that, in doing so, have turned from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I know. They say they have been taught that they got saved, baptized, so that does it! That is all they need; they now have a license to do anything they want because they are in the palm of the hand of God. All is well. Many have said God understands; it is okay, whatever they do.

The books of the Bible are not in chronological order, in the order of the time they were written. Few read the Bible and, of those, few take time to really read and to note what they are reading . . . Paul when writing to the Church of Colossae in AD 60, mentions Demas. When he writes regarding Philemon in AD 66, he also mentions Demas. Note that when he writes young Timothy the latter part of AD 66, he mentions Demas who "hath forsaken me, having loved this present world . . ."

Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. (Col 4:14) AD 60

For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. (2Ti 4:10) (end of AD 66)

Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers. (Phm 1:24) (AD 66)

Many have chosen to put teachings in the Bible that are not there. This would not matter so much, perhaps, but for leading souls to hell to make a teaching that fits the worldly needs of people. And yet, it does matter when we teach what the Lord Jesus has not written for the sake of becoming "successful" in the world.

Now, let us move towards what the Lord Jesus Christ is calling us to do in the midst of a nation, a people who have gone astray, seeking those who would say what the worldly people, like Demas, want.

Let us look at the text for this *Message* again and take it to heart in our daily walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, He Who died for our sins and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave.

I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

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False teaching has always been, and there is always a crowd around to follow them and seek them out such as in the time of Jeremiah.

Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow (Jer 14.14-17).

Let us go to the Gospels where we read about the people in that day, which is much like today.

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Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (Mt 7.13-15).

Hear the Word of the Lord. Hear the words that are very hard, straight and to the point. The Lord is calling a people to come out from the world. II Corinthians 6.17, the word is, Come out from among them and be ye separate.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

And **what concord hath Christ with Belial?** or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And **what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?** for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty (II Cor 6.14-18).