

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 4:1-11

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INTRODUCTION *to the text:*

I Samuel 4:1-11

When a man and woman begin to grow cold in

their relationship with each other, there settles upon them a silent war.

Emotions are no longer shown, words are direct and short, and that once great enemy of your togetherness, time, has now become something you have behind you. The relationship is dead and it is soon to be buried unless there is a miracle.

But when a nation, whose creation and roots are in God, begins to slip away from an honest and true relationship with God, time is short for that nation and soon it too will be buried, unless there is a miracle.

The same is true for any church today.

A church can exist very well without God these days. Money can be flowing in, ministry can be going on, crowds can be lining up to get in, but a church that is independent from God is a church that will, in time, be buried, unless there is a miracle.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

TEN STEPS THAT LEAD TO DIMINISHING GLORY IN OUR LIVES

When the Glory has Departed

1.) *There Will Be No Spiritual Word*

Chapter 3:1

1 Samuel 3:1

Then the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And **the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.**

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;

It's not that God wasn't speaking.

It was that the people didn't want to hear from God.

There will always be words.

Someone will always be saying something, but does that someone have something to say?

There Will Be No Spiritual Word

a.) *There will be no appetite for the Bible.*

1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel

**As a Prophet – Samuel Began to Speak, God
Had Prophesied Judgment**

Eli had Failed to Obey God's word,
And His Sons determined to abuse God's word.

Jewish Historians Write That it was the Custom of Jewish Mothers to nurse their children as they whispered into their ears "The Lord He is God."

There Will Be No Spiritual Word

b.) *There will be no personal application.*

1-2a Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines, and encamped beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. Then the Philistines put themselves in battle array against Israel.
And when they joined battle,

Samuel Had Spoken But Israel had Failed to take the Word of God to heart.

The Need for Personal Application

- WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?
- WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN TO ME?
- WHAT AM I TO DO WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE?
- WHAT DO I DO WITH WHAT I NOW KNOW?

There Will Be No Spiritual Word

c.) *There will be no change in life*

2b-3b Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men of the army in the field. And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines?"

AN EMOTIONALLY "CHARGED" LIFE

3a And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD defeated us?"

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;

Ephesians 4:23-24

and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

THE STUNTED GROWTH OF A CARNAL CHRISTIAN

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?