

When A Word From The Lord Becomes Rare

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1

Introduction

What makes a word from the Lord become a rarity? When we begin to realize that we are not hearing from God regularly, it should be a signal to analyze our own spiritual condition and the conditions that prevail around us. There are times when the spiritual condition of our lives make us too insensitive to detect the Lord's direction. On other occasions, evil becomes so prevalent that God decides to absent himself. Here are some times when men fail to hear from God.

I. When men do what is right in their own sight

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

- A. Your conscience cannot be your guide
 - 1. It is unreliable
 - 2. It may be seared
 - 3. It may be educated
 - 3. It detects "evil" subjectively
- B. God's Word must be the "all sufficient rule of faith and conduct"
 - 1. It is unchangeable
 - 2. It is uncomprimising
- C. When God's written word is devalued, His spoken word becomes rare

II. When men fail to consecrate their lives to God

Jeremiah 7:13-15a And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, and ye answered not; Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto this place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have

done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight....

- A. God's word always points to further consecration
- B. Failure to consecrate is a subtle form of rebellion
- C. Failure to respond to the direction of the Holy Spirit will cause Him to stop dealing with us
- D. Further revelation from God always begins at the consecration God previously asked of us.

III. When man fail to seek God with their whole heart

Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

- A. The logical order of hearing from God
 - 1. Responding to His written word properly
 - 2. Making the consecrations He asks of us
 - 3. Steadfastly searching for His will
- B. The man who hears from God must make his life's ambition to know God