

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Hungry Like Newborns -- 1 Peter 2:1-3

Sermon Outline

- Introduction - Examples of hunger for God's word: Chinese believers, William Tyndale, Israel during Nehemiah's time (Nehemiah 8)
- Who desires the pure milk of God's word
- How we receive the pure milk of God's word
- Why we need the pure milk of God's word

Scripture References

- Psalm 1:2, "But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night."
- Psalm 119:97, "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day."
- Deuteronomy 17:19, "And it shall be with [the king], and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes."
- Romans 10:17, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- Acts 13:44, "On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God."
- Titus 1:3, "But has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior."
- 1 Thess 2:13, "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe."

Reflection Questions

- Re: Exodus 16:20, some have said, "Believers cannot live on yesterday's manna." What should this teach us about receiving God's word new every day as our daily bread?
- How are you most often tempted away from God's word each day? Or, asked another way, what are the things each day that most keep your Bible on the bookshelf, instead of in your hands?
- Jesus promises us in John 15:7, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." What does it mean for Christ's words to "abide in you?" What does this verse teach us about the connection between God's word in us and His answer to our prayers?
- In Amos 8:11, God warns of a famine: not of bread, nor water, but of "hearing the words of the LORD." Does the thought of that curse worry you? Would your life radically change if God removed His word from you?
- Jesus prayed for us in John 17:17, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." How is the word being used in your life *right now* to make you more Christlike?