

GOD'S SEARCH FOR A MAN

Jer. 5:1; Ezek. 22:30-31

INTRO: God searched for a man who was faithful. We have here a picture of God's desire to find one faithful man. Israel had turned its back on God and would not heed the Word of God. He now foretells their destruction. There was a gap in the moral and spiritual condition of the people. God sought for a man who would stand in that gap and would faithfully reprove, exhort, and counsel the people, but none could be found.

I. MEN OF OLD STOOD IN THE GAP.

A. Abel. Heb. 11:4.

B. Enoch. Heb. 11:5.

C. Noah. Heb 11:7

D. Abraham. Heb. 11:17.

E. Moses. Heb. 11:24.

F. Daniel. Dan. 1:8; 6:10.

These things happened for our example. Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:6, 11.

G. Stephen Stood. It cost him his life. Acts 7.

H. Peter Was Given Keys. He stood. Matt. 16:19; Acts 2:14.

I. Paul Stood. He rebuked Peter. Gal. 2:11.

II. THE NEED TODAY.

A. God Needs Men. 1Cor. 16:13, 15:58.

B. God Needs Men to Stand Against:

1. Worldliness. Gal. 5:19-22.

2. Compromise.

3. Hobbism.

4. Dictatorship. 3 John 9-11.

C. God Needs Men To Reprove. Eph. 5:11.

III. GOD NEEDS MEN TO STAND IN THE GAP. EPH. 6:10-11.

A. The Church Is Like a Walled City With a Gap. Eph. 4:11-16.

B. Stand In the Gap as a Christian Soldier. Eph. 6:12; Jude 3.

C. Teachers, Elders, Preachers, Deacons; All Must Fill the Gap.

IV. GOD ALWAYS NEEDS MEN.

A. He Needs Them Now. Eccl. 12:13; 2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:13.

B. Keep Standing in the Gap. Rev. 2:10-11.

CONCL: God needs men today to stand in the gap in the walled city of the church. He needs Christian soldiers. He needs brave men. No coward will do. No half-hearted or half-committed man will do.