

GETTING OUR ATTENTION

I Samuel 4-6

(I Sam.4:2-3)

"But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God"The LORD shall cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will go out one way against them, but you will flee seven ways before them, and you will be an example of terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

Deut. 28:15&25

Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us it may save us from the hand of our enemies."

1 Samuel 4:3 (NKJV)

Mistake: having a Misplaced _____(v.4)

"You shall have no other gods before Me." You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, Exodus 20:3-5

Mistake: Equating _____ with God's Presence (vs.6-8)

(vs.10-11)

My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice. Psalm 34:2

Philistines: those who dwell in villages (Hitchcocks)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Lesson for the Philistines:

For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 1 Peter 4:17

(I Sam. 5:2)

Dagah- Fish

Dagah- to multiply, increase;-grow

Dagan- corn, grain (of cereals)

When God wants to get my attention:

1. What I have trusted in no _____ (v.3)

2. God gets my attention through _____ (v.6)

But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. 1 Samuel 5:6 (KJV)

And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts. 1 Samuel 5:9 (KJV)

Discomfort makes us realize a need for _____

“He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness. Malachi 3:3

God knows that Discomfort leads to _____ (vs. 7-8)

Questions bring us to the Place of _____ (v.8)

Deciding for the Lord means _____ (vs. 11)

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly,
To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

Ashdod: effusion, inclination (Hitchcocks)

Gath: a press (Hitchcocks)

Ekron: Barrenness (Hitchcocks)

Believing: _____ leads to _____

...because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, 2 Thess. 2:10-11