

“Man's Responses to God's Word”

Acts 2:36-42

Introduction

- I. When the Word of God is presented, there are different ways that men respond to It.
- II. The response that we choose to have will help determine the future of our souls.

Discussion

- I. Some men respond to God's Word negatively.
 - A. Jews, in the time of Jeremiah (Jer. 6:16-17).
 - B. Jehoiakim (Jer. 36:1-31).
 - C. Those Who Heard Stephen Preaching (Acts 6:8-10; 7:51-60).
 - D. Many Jews and Greeks of the first century (1 Cor. 1:18, 22-23).
 - E. Those mentioned by Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 4:1-4).
- II. Some men respond to God's Word positively.
 - A. Jews who returned from captivity (Neh. 8:1-3, 5-8, 18).
 - B. Josiah (2 Kings 22:8-13).
 - C. Some who heard the preaching of John (Matt. 3:1-6).
 - D. Some of those present in Jerusalem on Pentecost, following Christ's ascension (Acts 2:36-42).
 - E. Some Samaritans (Acts 8:4-6, 12-14).
 - F. The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:35-39).
 - G. Lydia (Acts 16:13-15).
 - H. The Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:25-34).
 - I. Crispus and many Corinthians (Acts 18:4, 7-8).
- III. What is our response today?
 - A. Do we ignore God's Word, to the destruction of our souls (2 Thess. 1:7-9)?
 - B. Do we “hunger and thirst” for God's Word, and thus be “filled” (Matt. 5:6).

Conclusion

- I. Time may have continued, but God's Word is still here (Matt. 24:35).
- II. Let us love and appreciate the Word of God, and show God such by obeying It (John 14:15).