

## Սուրբ Սարգիս Հայաստանեայց Առաքելական

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Bible Reading

### 2 Timothy 3:1-12

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

### John 6:22-38

The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one where into his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; (howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never

thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

### Pastoral Thoughts

Devotional recognition of every believer is to learn God's word and spread it as much as possible. But someone may ask, why? First of all to have the answer to this question it assumes certain preparedness in this field. So the first thing we need to do is to listen to God's voice to know what He says. We should listen and contemplate about it.

One of the great graces of God is our intellect. Initially we were blessed among creatures to receive this grace. Why? Because this is the only way to recognize our Creator God. And now in this life we should use it properly. Vain is everything, vain are pleasures of this life if we don't think about God's presence and His vital word.

Some people accept it as a comforter only. But when people need to be comforted is of course when they have problems.

The Roman's book says; "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, " No one who believes in Him will be put on to shame." What kind of word does apostle talk about when he says "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart". How can we know what we need to say. Here we really need more clarifications. The apostle says about confession. Without confession we can't live with God, with Jesus Christ.

We need to open our hearts, and before we open it, we need to clean it from unwanted things. Rumor, tattle and any other evil deeds, these all are against God's word. When we clean our hearts from these sins then we can open it in front of our God. And then the

Holy Spirit will help us say whatever according to the apostle's words we have on our lips and in our hearts. To confirm our last idea we can read the Holy Gospel of Mark. It says; "When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit." (Mark 13; 11)

We need to know that before the Holy Spirit speaks for us, we should populate the same Holy Spirit in our hearts. Finally we will listen to God's true voice which will invite us to learn and to spread His living word.

With Love of Christ  
Rev. Fr. Zaven Markosyan

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