

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“Murmuring in the Church”

Acts 6:1-7

- I. THE REASON FOR THE MURMURING (v.1)
  - A. What is murmuring? (v.1a)
    - a. The Greek word means grumbling or muttering or complaining; to say something in a low tone
    - b. Webster defines it as a low, steady sound, a mumbled complaint; an abnormal sound
  - B. Who is murmuring? (v.1b)
    - a. The KJV calls them “Grecians”; the Greek word means Hellenists or Jews of the dispersion; they spoke Greek, not Hebrew or Aramaic
    - b. There was a bitterness between the Hellenistic Jews and Hebrews Jews; the Hebrews were the locals, but the Hellenists were the out-of-towners
  - C. Why were they murmuring? (v.1c)
    - a. The Hellenistic widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food
  - D. The devil delights in dividing the disciples of Christ over little things
- II. THE REMEDY FOR MURMURING (vv.2-6)
  - A. What the church did not do (v.2)
    - a. “The twelve” is a reference to the apostles
    - b. The apostles did not “leave the word of God, and serve tables”
  - B. What the church did do (vv.3-6)
    - A. They chose seven men to serve tables (vv.3, 5-6)
      - a. Men who were saved; “look ye out among you” means to look within the body of Christ
      - b. Men of honest report; men of integrity and character; men who had a good reputation inside and outside of the church
      - c. Men full of the Holy Ghost; men who were controlled by and yielded to the third Person of the Godhead
      - d. Men who were full of wisdom; men who could apply the Word of God to daily situations
      - e. Men who were Grecians or Hellenists
    - B. They allowed the apostles to pray and preach
    - C. This is a model for the modern church
- III. THE RESULTS FROM THE MURMURING (v.7)
  - A. What it did to the scripture (v.7a)
    - 1. “The Word of God increased”
  - B. What it did to the sinners (v.7b)
    - 1. “And the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem”
  - C. What it did to the skeptics (v.7c)
    - 1. “And a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith”