

# Before the THRONE

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Ruth 1:1

“Now it came to pass in the days of the judges’ rule, that there was a famine in the land...” Ruth 1:1

When people begin to look to others for their spiritual vitality, it begins a long road to spiritual ineffectiveness! Yes, we should give thanks for leaders and teachers of God’s word, but we, like the Bereans must ourselves daily search the Scriptures and receive for ourselves the Manna for every days’ spiritual nourishment. (See Acts 17:11) “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’ ” (Matthew 4:4)

Spiritual laziness brings a famine of God’s word even as natural laziness brings with it poverty and a man-made famine. “A lazy person sleeps soundly--and goes hungry.” (Proverb 19:15) “Some people are so lazy that they won't lift a finger to feed themselves.” (Proverb 26:15) “I walked by the field of a lazy person, the vineyard of one lacking sense. I saw that it was overgrown with thorns. It was covered with weeds, and its walls were broken down. Then, as I looked and thought about it, I learned this lesson: A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.” Proverb 24:30-34

Have you been experiencing a spiritual famine? If so, it may be time to once again open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to give you fresh manna for today!

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