

PRAYER MEETING  
**"HUNGRY FOR FELLOWSHIP"**

**Introduction**

1. Hunger is hard to explain
2. It takes on different forms – exx
3. There is hunger for fellowship  
**DOCTRINE:** the souls of spiritual people are hungry for fellowship and they mourn without it.

**1. WHAT FELLOWSHIP IS**

- 1) The Bible speaks often of it:
  - (i) Acts 2:42
  - (ii) Phil. 2:1-4
  - (iii) 1 John 1:3-7
  - (iv) 2 Cor. 13:14, etc.
- 2) The term is KOINONIA: the sharing of our hearts – opening our soul re. God's grace
- 3) Examples:
  - (i) David & Jonathan
  - (ii) Paul & Timothy
- 4) What do we share in our fellowship?
  - (i) God's dealings with us
  - (ii) the experiences of God's help in trouble
  - (iii) the joy of mutual trust
  - (iv) the outlook on life which is godly  
**APPLICATION:** Have we not all had such experiences?

**2. IN EVIL DAYS FELLOWSHIP IS SCARCE**

- 1) In days of blessing it is plentiful: Acts 2  
 But in dark days it is rare

- 2) The picture here explains this truth:
    - (i) v.2: the spiritual were very few
    - (ii) v.1: the picture of spiritual hunger
    - (iii) v.4: no fellowship with the unspiritual
    - (iv) v.5: it is folly to open your heart to them
  - 3) The effect on the Lord's people is clear:
    - (i) they cannot trust even close relations
    - (ii) they must keep their mouth closed on spiritual matters:  
 "pearls before swine"
  - 4) There is a price to pay if you do open your heart to unspiritual persons: turn again and rend you2  
**ILLUSTRATION:** my early experience once or twice
  - 5) This sense of loneliness is a real thing:
    - (i) "my soul is among fierce lions"
    - (ii) Psalm 22: "bulls of Bashan"  
**APPLICATION:** It is a spiritual matter: "What fellowship hath light with darkness?"
- 3. OUR COMFORT IN DAYS WHEN FELLOWSHIP IS SCARCE**
- 1) We cannot pretend to be strangers to this experience of Micah's.
  - 2) Comforts in such a time:
    - (i) It is a mark which Christ gives to his elect: "Blessed are ye when..."
    - (ii) There are promises from Christ for such a time:
      - "In the world...good cheer..."
      - "If ye were of the world..."
      - "I will never leave thee..."**QUOTATION:** "The darker the night, the brighter the stars"

**CONCLUSION**

So Micah ends up with comfort – God himself is his comfort. See 7:18-20  
 Let us feed on this truth of God and seek to encourage one another.

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<b>57: 1 – 4</b>
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<b>120: 1 – 7</b>
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<b>133: 1 – 3</b>
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