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11:00 A.M.

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We welcome all who are worshipping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

ORGAN PRELUDE
GREETINGS & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMNS – #15 “Lord, Speak To Me That I May Speak” (vv 1-2)
#51 “All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name” (vv 1-2)

RESPONSIVE READING- #317 “Choose Whom You Will Serve”

PASTOR: So revere Jehovah and serve him in sincerity and truth. Put away forever the idols which your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Worship the Lord alone.

PEOPLE: **But if you are unwilling to obey the Lord, then decide today whom you will obey. Will it be the gods of your ancestors beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites here in this land?**

PASTOR: But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **We would never forsake the Lord and worship other gods!**

PASTOR: You can't worship the Lord God, for he is holy and jealous; he will not forgive your rebellion and sins. If you forsake him and worship other gods, he will turn upon you and destroy you, even though he has taken care of you for such a long time.

PEOPLE: **We choose the Lord!**

PASTOR: You have heard yourselves say it, you have chosen the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Yes we are witnesses; we will worship and obey the Lord alone.**

***INVOCATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING
***DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: Luke 8: 5-15 (pp.1605-06)
SERMON IN ARMENIAN: “*The Sower and Seed*”

***HYMN** - # 78 “When We Walk With The Lord” (vv.1-2)

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: 1 John 5:1-5 (p. 1903)
SERMON IN ENGLISH: “*Trust And Obey*”

HYMN- #78 “When We Walk With The Lord” (vv. 3-4)

***HAYR MER** - #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er”

ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Congregation is requested to stand*
**** Latecomers may be seated*

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THANK YOU to our accompanist Mrs. Gayaneh Khachadourian.

AMAA APPEALS FOR HELP. The AMAA is asking all the Armenian Evangelical Churches to pray and consider making financial donations to support our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. If you would like to support the AMAA efforts, please pick-up a form from the lobby.

DEACONS BOARD. A reminder to all our Deacons that our next meeting will be held next Sunday August 27, following the fellowship hour.

CHURCH JOYS & CONCERNS. Please continue to pray for George Terterian. Pray for the Evangelical Church of Armenia. Pray for Pastor Garoush Andonian and his children who have lost their mother. Pray also for the Ochinian family, they have lost their father Rev. Ara Ochinian and their mother Valia to a tragic accident.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON

(Luke 8:5-15)

In this parable Jesus uses the sower, the seed, and the soil to teach about mankind's reception of God's Word. There are many who hear God's Word, but very few live it. Some accept it for a short time, only to allow sin and self to choke out the Word.

I. The Sower and the Soil (vv. 5-8).

A sower went forth to sow his seed. The seed fell on four types of soil.

Wayside – It was a hardened path where the seed could not grow.

Rocky ground – with a small amount of soil, it grew quickly and died.

Among thorns – It grew, but thorns choked it.

Good ground – It grew and increased.

II. The Savior and the Story (vv.9-10)

The disciples asked for the meaning of this parable. Jesus answers by telling them that God has granted them to know the meaning of this parable, but the crowds, though they hear the words, they do not understand.

III. The Story and the Symbols (vv. 11-15)

Seed = God's Word – It produces faith (Romans 10:17). It cleanses from sin (Psalm 119:9).

Wayside = The people who hear His Word, but Satan steals it away.

Rock = The people who receive the Word, but have no root. Temptation and sin steal it away.

Thorns = Cares, riches, pleasure, etc. that choke out the good seed.

Good ground = Those who hear God's Word and keep it.

God wants all Christians to be like the seed that fell upon the good ground. His Word will: establish us, instruct us, cleanse us, and keep us from sin.