

A Famine Of The Word Of God

Amos 8:11-14

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Materialism (Amos 3:15; 6:1-8)

- Matthew 13:22 - cares and riches choke out the word.
- John 6:26-27 - material focus overcomes spiritual importance.
- I Corinthians 3:1-4 - carnal minds warp spiritual matters and take away spiritual understanding.

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Fondness of Sin (Amos 2:6-8; 8:4-6)

- James 1:21 - must lay aside sin to receive the word.
- I Timothy 1:18-20 - rejection of a good conscience leads to the defilement of God's word.
- II Thessalonians 2:9-12 - love of unrighteousness leads to delusion.

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Perverted Worship (Amos 4:4-5; 5:4-5, 21-27)

- John 4:24 - God demands worship in spirit and truth.
- Matthew 15:3, 7-9 - unauthorized worship replaces God's word with the word of men.
- I Corinthians 10:6-8 - perverted worship is accompanied by a rejection of the most basic teachings of God's word.

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Forsaken Justice and Righteousness (Amos 5:7, 10; 6:12)

- II Timothy 4:1-5 - those who turn to myths do not desire the scripture.
- I Timothy 1:3-4, 8-11 - myths are to be rejected and truth taught.
- I Corinthians 5:1-2, 6-8 - failure to address sin leads to a neglect and rejection of truth.
- I Thessalonians 5:14, 19-22 - unruliness must be addressed lest the Spirit be quenched.

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Distaste for Truth (Amos 2:11-12; 7:7-9, 12-13)

- II Chronicles 36:15-16 - Judah rejected God's attempt to bring them back by His word.
- Hosea 4:6 - destroyed for lacking/rejecting knowledge.
- Romans 1:18, 28 - suppression of truth led to a debased mind.
- Matthew 13:10-17 - those who did not desire the truth were not given to know the truth.

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

- **Hear the Word of God**
 - James 1:21 - “Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and **receive with meekness the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls.”
- **Believe that Jesus is the Savior**
 - Romans 10:11 - “For the Scripture says, ‘**Everyone who believes in him** will not be put to shame.’”

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- **Repent of your sins**
 - Acts 3:19 - “**Repent** therefore, and turn again, **that your sins may be blotted out**”
- **Confess that Jesus is the Son of God**
 - Romans 10:10 - “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and **with the mouth one confesses** and is saved.”

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- **Be immersed in water (baptized)**
 - Acts 2:38 - “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and **be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”
- **Remain faithful**
 - I Corinthians 15:1-2 - “... by which you are being saved, **if you hold fast** to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain.”