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Amos 8

- **Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land — not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.**

Faming of Hearing the Words of the LORD

- **Our present-day famine:**

- **The present famine for the Word of God was not sent by God – it is self-imposed!**
- **God has provided for a feast not a famine!**
 - **We enjoy an abundance of Bibles in a multitude of formats.**
 - **Bible translations now available in nearly all known written languages.**
- **Never before in the history of mankind has the world enjoyed such free access to God's Word!**

Faming of Hearing the Words of the LORD

- What caused the famine in the book of Amos?

1. Material luxury!

- **6:1-8; Deuteronomy 8:11-14,17; Luke 8:14**

2. Moral Corruption!

- **2:6-7**

3. Religious Corruption!

- **8:4-6**

Ending the Famine

- **First, we must appreciate the “*power*” of God’s Word!**
 - *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge ...”*
(Hosea 4:6)
 - **God’s word possesses the power of salvation and of condemnation.**
 - *“... and receive with meekness the implanted word, **which is able to save your souls.**”* **(James 1:21)**
 - *“The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the **word** that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.”*
(John 12:48)

Ending the Famine

- We must also *“feed”* on God’s Word!
 - *“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.”* (1 Peter 2:2)
 - Making a habit of daily Bible reading will go a long way to ending this famine for the Word of God!
 - As you read, make it a time for meditation and prayer.
 - Psalm 1:1-2; 119:18,33-37

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