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Amos 8:11, “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.”

The LORD warned through Amos that a famine was coming. Amos was a farmer and could relate to the destruction brought about by a famine. He knew what the lack of food and water would cause. As much as a famine of food and water causes destruction, a famine of the word of God is even more devastating.

The LORD said He would send a famine of the hearing of the words of the LORD. The LORD wants all to hear His word and makes it available, but because of their sins and rejection of His word, a famine of hearing those words would be sent.

None of us have ever experienced a famine. All our lives we have had food and water in abundance. This is easily seen when we go into large supermarkets and see the selection of foods. There is not only the choice of bread, but every type of bread one can imagine. Every product is like this. The choices are almost overwhelming, but I’m

thankful we have such abundance.

In the same way, we have never known the lack of water in recent years. I can remember Mom talking about days on the farm when there were dry years and little water and they did all they could to obtain water from any source they could find.

Even during the first few years of my own life, we did not have running water. We had to capture rain water to use. With time and technology even the farm obtained “city water.” Since that time all we have to do is to walk up to a hydrant or sink and turn a faucet, and clean water flows in abundance. The water is always on, always clean, and as much as we need.

We have food and water well beyond what we need. We have only ourselves to blame if we are hungry or thirsty.

In the same way, we have the Word of God in abundance. We have multiple copies of the Bible in our homes. Even people without a Bible have easy access to it. There are Bibles sold in most stores that sell books of any kind. Everyone with a computer or smart phone has access to free copies of the Bible. Not only are there copies of the Bible to read, but there are free recordings of the Bible to listen to.

The Bible is all about us, yet there is a famine for the word of the LORD. People are starving and dying spiritually because they are not partaking of the Bible. We expect this of the world, but what is more saddening is we, as the children of God, can be starving spiritually.

There is a great famine in the land from people not reading and following the Bible. Let’s prevent that famine from reaching us. We have a storehouse of spiritual food within the Bible. Let’s partake bountifully and often. Let’s fill ourselves with the spiritual food the LORD has prepared for us.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM



—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

—The uncle of **Sharon Franklin** passed away last Sunday. Funeral services were this past week in Hyden, Kentucky.

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Mark 7:7, “*Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*”

Many people worship the LORD and feel they are fine and pleasing the LORD. Some feel like as long as you worship sincerely, it doesn't matter how you worship.

Jesus let the Pharisees know that they, and many others, were worshiping in vain. Their worship was in vain because they were following the traditions of men, not the commandments of God.

The Pharisees held traditions such as washing of hands and pots as commandments to be done when the LORD had not commanded such. They were teaching for commandments the doctrine of men. In verses 8 and 9 of Mark 7, Jesus said they were laying aside and rejecting the commands of God.

When we follow what is taught by mankind and not the Bible, we too are rejecting and laying aside the commandments of God. Our worship is in vain.

How can we be sure we are worshiping in a way that pleases the LORD? Look in the Bible and see if you are following the pattern that has been given to us. Reject all teachings of mankind and follow the Bible only. This is the only way you will ever please the LORD and obtain eternal life.

Sunday, August 6, 2017		
Classes	15	I Thessalonians 4:9-12
Preaching	23	Ezekiel 8:1-18
Contribution	\$594.00	
Evening	16	Singing - Psalm 148
Wednesday, August 9, 2017		
Classes	16	Joel 2:1-32

Visitors—  
 Aug 6 (AM) Michaela Sievers (Gelsenkirchen, Germany)  
 Aug 6 (PM) Michaela Sievers

### *Bible Quiz*

What would happen to the sun and moon before the great and terrible day of the LORD?

Last Week's Answer— The Lamb (Revelation 17:14)

Psalm 148:3, “*Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.*”

### —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)