

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Amos 8:11 – 12

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "that 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. They shall wonder from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it." Amos 8:11-12

There is a deep spiritual hunger in all men. But not all men thirst for the truth. Often their quest is for self fulfillment not a genuine connection to the life of God. Many refuse to receive the Lord's gracious provision of pure, life giving Water in favour of polluted and fouled water of humanism or some other "ism" disguised as truth. His water of life is peculiar to those of us who have tasted of Jesus – the Bread of Life – and who drink from His well of salvation! (John 4:6 - 15; Isaiah 55:1 - 2; 2 Corinthians 2:14 - 17).

While such a view is considered arrogant or intolerant by others, it is an inconvenient truth that is ignored or condemned at considerable personal risk! Many stumble over this Jesus Who gives water and bread to everlasting life. (1 Peter 2:6 – 8). Refusal to drink from His cup and to eat from His hand is tantamount to committing spiritual suicide. Pride's refusal to yield to God's gift in Jesus Christ is foolish – yet many do just that.

Our first response must be to partake of God's life in Christ ourselves; to humble ourselves and receive His life. Our second response must be to pray for and urge others to drink of His water and eat of His bread!

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