

Famine for the Word of God.  
Amos viii . 11-14.

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 Hymns 196 "We limit not the truth of God"  
 O. 121 "Inspirer of the ancient seers"  
 O. 125 "Thy thoughts are here, O God"  
 O. 92. "Lord, let the Bread of Life"

Scripture Prov. viii.

- 813 "O Christ, our true & only Light"  
 202 "The Spirit breathes upon the Word"  
 201 "Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace"

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June 18, 1906	Mundeleay.	Dent.			888
Dec 15, 1912	London	Westminster Chapel			888
Feb 23, 1914	Nashville	First Presby. Ch.			
July 16, 1916	Panarth	Bible Conference			
" 22	Arrogate	Cong Church			
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AMOS viii.11-14.

INTRODUCTION.

Technically Amos was an untrained Man.  
Neither a Prophet, nor one of the Sons of the Prophets.

- A Herdsman.
- A Dresser of Sycamore Trees.
- A Layman (vii.14).

Actually he was a Prophet in the highest and only sense of the word.

"And the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto My people Israel." (vii.15).

His Prophecy as preserved for us is unique in its Method. He commenced with all the Nations touching on the Chosen.

- Damascus to the N.E. Cruelty.
- Gaza. to the S.W. The Slave Trade.
- Tyre. to the N.W. Slave Agents.
- Edom. to the S.E. Unforgiveness.
- Ammon. to the East. Cruelty based on Cupidity.
- Moab. to the East-South.  
Violent and vindictive Hatred.

Then he passed on to Judah, to the South of Israel.  
Jehovah's Laws despised.

Israel, to the North of Judah.  
Corruption of a delivered People.

It had a twofold Significance in addition to its direct Messages.

- i. It revealed the Fact that God maintained His Government of all the Nations.
- ii. It made perfectly plain the Responsibility of Privilege.

My Text is taken from the third Section of the Prophecy in which Amos is pronouncing Judgment upon Israel under the fourfold Symbolism of

- The Locusts.
- The Fire.
- The Plumbline.
- The Basket of Summer Fruit.

Under the last Figure of the Basket of Summer Fruit, indicating the imminence of Judgment, the Prophet describes its final Issue:- Text.

Turning our attention away from all the local setting, we shall consider the message of the Text in its application to our own Times.

A. THE FAMINE. Amos viii. 11 and 14.

I. Its Nature.

Lack of the Word of the Lord (11)

Note. This does not indicate a capricious withholding on the part of God.

It is rather a condition of man in which he is incapable of discerning.

"Of hearing the words of the Lord."

i. No Message from the Unseen.

ii. No Word/ ~~from~~ <sup>to</sup> the Depths.

iii. No Authority which is unquestioned.

II. Its Cause.

The Capacity for God fastened elsewhere.

i. The Illustrations.

Swearing by sin (calf) of Samaria.

E.G. "As thy God, O Dan liveth"

"As the way of Beersheba liveth".

ii. The Meaning.

Substitution of Creature for Creator.

Consequent Incapacity for Reception of Word of God.

Nature.

Priestism.

Sensual Ceremony.

III. Application.

See over. →

III. Application.

The Sealing of the Bible always follows upon Idolatry in any form.

The Issue is Famine.

The Result emaciated Humanity.

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B. THE FRUITLESS SEARCH.

I. Restlessness. The Search.

i. Ignorant.

Every Attempt to satisfy Life without God.

The ceaseless Roving of the Worldly.

No God.

No Sin.

ii. Semi-conscious.

Every Substitute.

God without Government.

Sin without Guilt.

iii. Conscious.

New Preachers.

New Movements.

New Setting.

God honoured with the Lips.

Sin slightly treated.

II. Fruitlessness. "They shall not find."

i. Materialism a perpetual Lust.

ii. Sensualism a deadly Opiate.

iii. Novelty a pernicious Irritant.

III. Application.

There is no Substitute for the Word of God.

Restlessness is Fever.

Fever is a destroying Fire.

C. THE ISSUE.

I. The Illustration.

i. The Omissions.

The full grown tending towards Arrest.

The aged merging towards the Shadows.

ii. Those chosen.

The fair Virgins.

The young Men.

The strongest and most hopeful.

II. The Fact.

These shall faint for Thirst.

Morning overcast.

Noon a Tempest.

Night Starless.

III. Application.

The Best without God, fails.

The finest Capacities lacking their true Inspiration fail and perish.

CONCLUSION.

RESPONSIBILITY ✓

The Famine of hearing the Word of God today.

The Restlessness.

Sensual Indulgence!

Affectional Distress!

The most hopeful Sign is that there are some  
Evidences of the Passing of the Ignorant into  
the Conscious.

These so far are largely within the  
Church.

Not wholly so.

The Famine passes when Men listen.

"How many hired servants of my father have  
bread enough and to spare, and I perish  
with hunger"!

"I will arise and go to my Father"!

To such as do so He will speak.

The Message from the Unseen,  
to the Depths,  
with Authority.

"Man liveth not by bread alone; but by every  
word that proceedeth out of the mouth of  
God doth man live!"