

“Wine and Milk Without Money” —Part One

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☞ Amos 8:11, 12

- ▼ A global _____ is coming!
- ▼ “Not a _____ of food or a thirst for water, but a _____ of hearing the _____ of the Lord.”
- ▼ A divine prediction of coming global _____ starvation.
- ▼ John Eldredge, *Waking the Dead*: “. . . *this is a world at _____*. We live in a far more dramatic, far more dangerous story than we ever imagined. The reason we love *The Chronicles of Narnia* or *Star Wars* or *The Matrix* or *The Lord of the Rings* is that they are telling us something about our lives that we never, ever get on the evening news. Or from most pulpits. *This is our most _____ hour*. Without this burning in our hearts, we lose the meaning of our days. It all withers down to fast food and bills and voice mail and who really cares? Do you see what has happened? . . . Things are not what they seem. This is a world at _____.” (32)
- ▼ Like Sudan—we are a world at war and in famine.

☞ Amos 8:13—what are *you* thirsty for?

- ▼ Jeremiah 2:13—“broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

☞ The passionate call of God:

- ▼ Isaiah 55: _____
- ▼ Matthew 5: _____ —“Blessed are _____ who hunger and thirst after _____, for _____ will be filled.”
- ▼ Psalm 42: _____
- ▼ John 6: _____
 - *Desire of Ages* 389: “To eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ is to receive Him as a personal Saviour, believing that He forgives our sins, and that we are complete in Him. It is by beholding His love, by dwelling

upon it, by drinking it in, that we are to become partakers of His nature. What food is to the body, Christ must be to the soul. Food cannot benefit us unless we eat it, unless it becomes a part of our being. So Christ is of no value to us if we do not know Him as a personal Saviour. A theoretical knowledge will do us no good. We must feed upon Him, receive Him into the heart, so that His life becomes our life.”

- ▼ Thomas Aquinas: “Brother Reginald, when I was at prayer a few months ago, I experienced something of the reality of Jesus Christ. That day, *I lost all appetite* for writing. In fact, all I have ever written about Christ seems now to me to be like straw.”

☞ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.”

- ▼ Romans—the most potent summation of “the righteousness of God” in Scripture
- ▼ *But what point is there in studying “the righteous of God” if we are not first hungering and thirsting for it?*
- ▼ Would you be willing to pray with me for God to do whatever it takes to create that hunger and thirst in our lives here at Andrews?

☞ Assignment for next study: Read and meditate on Romans 1:1-17

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst”

Famine; famine; famine; words; spiritual; war; desperate; war; 1, 2; 6; you; *righteousness*; you; 1, 2;
35, 51