

“Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.” Psalms 33:18-19 KJV



There are many different kinds of famine; food, love, friends, family, income, understanding, comfort, and more. We've all had some sort of famine. Famine is when you need something unavailable; beyond your grasp. The worst kind is spiritual famine; the total absence of God! The worst part of it is, men are unaware of it until God's Word is preached, spoken to them. A man blind from birth is unaware of his lack until told. Men are born into darkness. *"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* Once God's Word is proclaimed to a man he is without excuse and all Creation cries out daily! *"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork, Day unto day uttereth speech; night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."* When God enters the scene, all else must submit or perish! *"For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God."* God will remove anything you hold dearer than Himself. If you were obedient and something caused you to quit, God will either let reap the natural consequence or He will remove it entirely. Many times God gives us our requests to teach us how painful His absence can be. *"They soon forgot His works; they waited not for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."* When the soul is in agony, death is not unwelcome! On the cross, Jesus did not cry out in pain, but when the Father turned away, He cried in soul rending agony, *"My God! My God! Why hast thou forsaken me?"* No pain is ever so sharp as loveless solitude! This is what God feels when you turn away! After all He has done for you, to disbelieve Him is unacceptable! Those who spurn His Word will live WITHOUT Him for eternity! Everything Heaven is - Hell is not! With God are *"pleasures for evermore,"* but Hell is eternal torment! Believers who choose to disobey will do without the Father's provision *"for whom the LORD loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."* If you hunger for something, seek the Lord. *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL THESE THINGS will be added unto you."* God supersedes all physical or soul anguish. If you knew Him, you would know that!

When famine strikes the hungry soul,
The LORD can fill them; make them whole,
They need but turn their cry to Him,
To be delivered; healed within! ~CGP

We hunger because we've seek the wrong things. We will wander in the wilderness of sin until we die unless we seek God first! He really does want to be your very best friend! With Him, you'll always have all you need!

"Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, 'The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?' But He giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, 'God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.' Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:5-8 KJV

