

Hungry For The Word of God Psalm 119.103-104

Amos 8.11

Here at our Church I preach that this King James Bible is the Inspired, Inerrant, Infallible, Plenary, and Perfectly Preserved Word of God.

We live in the time that is fulfilling the Prophecy of Amos chapter 8,

Amos 8:11–12 - *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:*** ¹²*And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro **to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.***

The Devil, the Prince of the Power of the Air (Eph 2.2), has tried to rob Christians of the Word of God since the beginning of time, and with special emphasis since the conception of the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ, the New Testament Church. For most Christians, they are unaware of the Devils diabolical plan and they are suffering in this Famine of the Word of God.

The Devil tried to rob Christians of the Word of God through,

- **False Christian Religious Systems** – Churches and Church systems that claim to be the Church of our Lord and yet diminish the Word of God while exalting their Religious Traditions.

Don't make the mistake of thinking the Devil is anti-religion. Instead understand the Devil is the founder and father of every false religious system.

But there were many faithful Christians who would not yield to these false religious systems, even when suffering severe persecution.

- **Illiteracy** – If people could not read then people could not read the Word of God. For many years during the dark ages people were largely refused basic education.

However, many parents realized how important it was for their children to be able to read so they used the Bible, the Word of God, to teach their children to read. Do you realize that today in many Muslim countries to teach a girl to read is punishable by death.

- **Restricted Access to the Word of God** – This was ordered in two ways,
 - **No Private Bible** - For many years under the Political/Religious rule of the Catholic Church it was a capital offense, punishable by death, to have a Bible in one's private possession. One was required to go to the local abbey or Catholic church and read the Bible provided there under the strict supervision of the Priest.

Thousands of families died because they kept the Word of God in their homes.

- **No Readable Bible** – The second restriction was that the Bible was written in Latin and for much of the Dark Ages people did not know, read, or speak Latin. When people like William Tyndal in the 15-16th century (1494-1536), who determined to translate the Bible into English for the common people, the Catholic Church declared him a heretic and hunted him down and burned him at the stake.
- **Multiplied Modern Translations** – When nothing else worked the Devil determined the best way to rob people of the Word of God was to give them many different versions of the Word of God that change the Word of God. This is what we have today.

There are more books that call themselves the Bible in our world today in thousands of different translations so that people do not know where to find the Word of God. Literally we see the fulfillment of Amos' Prophecy in the multitude of these translations of the Bible.

Yet there is only one Bible, Only one Word of God, and that is this King James Bible.

Never let the Devil rob you of the Word of God in this day of the Famine of the Word of God.

Psalm 119:103–104 - How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

On this Word of God Sunday, I must ask you,

How do you feel about the Word of God?

Are you Hungry for the Word of God?

Do you thirst for this Word of God and its truths?

To be hungry and thirsty for the Word of God speaks to your deepest and most heartfelt beliefs concerning this Bible.

You will discover what you really believe about the Word of God when you get all alone in a private place and you ask yourself, **“Self, just what do I really believe about this Bible?”**

If you are not convinced that this Bible really is the Word of God then you probably will not have a deep heartfelt hunger for the Word of God.

Most people approach the Word of God with **honest curiosity**, but only those who are fully convinced that this Bible really is the Word of God, written and authored by God, will be deeply hungry for the truths contained in the Word of God.

Are you hungry for the Word of God?

Do you Know?

A. The Word of God

Psalm 12.6

1. THE WORD OF GOD IS PURE

*Psalm 119:140 **Thy word is very pure**: therefore thy servant loveth it.*

*Psalm 12:6-8 ⁶The words of the LORD are **pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. ⁷**Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.***

I hold and preach that God is able, over every person's ability, to keep His Word pure. Some believe that the Bible in the hands of man could never be kept Pure. I believe that God is far more able to keep His Word, over man's ability to corrupt God's Word.

⁸*The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.*

Now consider America. From the founding of our country to the 1960's most Americans believed the Bible was the Word of God and feared and honored the Word of God. Even non-believers were careful when it came to the Word of God.

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A. The Word of God
1. The Word of God is Pure

Now in America,

- **1962** – Prayer removed from the Public School
- **1963** – The Bible removed from the Public School
- **2005** - Ten Commandments ordered removed from court house¹
- **2013** – Bakers sued for refusing to bake a Lesbian wedding cake
- **Today** – Many in America, even professing Christians, believe that a gay, lesbian, and transgender lifestyle is okay.
- **Today** – Mass shootings are regular news, murders are so common they often go unreported, morality and values have been largely redefined so that the father of a basketball player caught stealing calls his son upstanding.

Psalm 12:8 *The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.*

Romans 3:3-4 ³*For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? ⁴ God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar; . . .***

Psalm 12:6-8 ⁶*The words of the LORD are **pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. ⁷ **Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.***

¹ <http://www.foxnews.com/story/2005/06/28/supreme-court-bars-commandments-from-courthouses.html>

Almighty God has said HE would keep His Word Pure! For how long? To every generation! Yes, that includes the generation we live in and God always keeps His Promises!

God's Word is Pure because God uses His power to keep it Pure.

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- A. The Word of God
1. The Word of God is Pure

Psalm 19.7

It is right here in this King James Bible!

2. THE WORD OF GOD IS PERFECT

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

James 1.25

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Yes, it is the Word of God that is perfect, and providentially kept by God.

The idea of perfect here builds on the idea of the purity of the Word of God.

The Word of God is,

- **Absolutely Pure**
- **Absolutely Perfect**

What confidence those have who know that they know that they hold in their hands the PERFECT Word of God.

Matt 24.35

3. THE WORD OF GOD IS PRESERVED

Psalm 12:6-8⁶ The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. ⁷ Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was and is God with us. Who proved that everything He said, even His claim to be God, was true when He arose and physically walked out of that grave, said,

Matthew 24:35 *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

Who is preserving the Word of God? Almighty-God protects and preserves His Word. The preservation of the Word of God is based on the power and ability of Almighty-God!

Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

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The Word of God is,

1. Pure
2. Perfect
3. Preserved

All of creation reveals and declares the mighty glory and power of Almighty God.

When God says I will keep my Word who can overcome the power of God?

What should our response be to this revelation found in God's Word?

John 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, **Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.**

Heb 4.12

4. **THE WORD OF GOD IS POWERFUL** – God has given His Word and protected and persevered His Word for a reason.

Hebrews 4:12 For **the word of God** is quick, **and powerful**, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

God's Word is incredibly powerful! It reaches to realms that mankind and his inventions and intellectualism cannot reach. God's Word reaches to the very soul and spirit of mankind. God's Word reaches to the core of your being, to your heart.

This is what was meant when the religious leaders in our Lord's day said of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Luke 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: **for his word was with power.**

The Words of our Lord were powerful beyond mortal understanding, and so it is with all of the Word of God.

2 Tim 3.16

5. THE WORD OF GOD IS PROFITABLE

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:** ¹⁷ *That the man of God may be perfect, **thoroughly** furnished unto all good works.*

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The Word of God is,

1. Pure
2. Perfect
3. Preserved
4. Powerful

The Word Inspiration means God-Breathed. God spoke the Word of God and the 40 penman wrote it down just as God said it. God is the Author of the Word of God so that every pen stroke is just as God wanted it.

The Word of God is good for,

- **Doctrine** – Authoritative Teaching
- **Reproof** – Addressing the arrogance and rebellion of mankind
- **Correction** – Correcting the errors of mankind
- **Instruction in Righteousness** – Teaching us how to walk in a way that pleases Almighty God

Rom 4.21

The Word of God is the only trustworthy truth in this mortal world and it gives light in this dark and lost world.

6. THE WORD OF GOD IS PROMISING

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; **(for he is faithful that promised;)**

Believing what God has said is an essential component of Biblical Faith.

Romans 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, **what he had promised**, he was able also to perform.

God has given many promises in His Word. Such as,

John 14:1-3 ¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

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7. THE WORD OF GOD IS PRECIOUS

Psalm 126:5-6 ⁵ They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. ⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth, **bearing precious seed**, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 119.103

B. A Hunger For The Word of God - How do you handle the Word of God?

Psalm 119:103-104 ¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Are you, Ignorant of the Word of God? Have you read the Bible? Have you studied the Bible diligently?

- **Religious toward the Word of God?** Elevating the religious traditions of humanity over the revealed Word of God
- **Indifferent to the Word of God?** Do you believe that the Bible is a handbook for life or is it just a book and there are many other things that give you guidance in life?
- **Resistant to the Word of God?** Do you believe that there are philosophies and authorities that are better than the Word of God in life?
- **Hungry for the Word of God?** Reading, studying, assimilating the Word of God into your heart, mind, and life because there is not greater truth or authority in life?

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The Word of God is,

1. Pure
2. Perfect
3. Preserved
4. Powerful
5. Profitable
6. Promising
7. Precious

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