

Seven Famines of God – Part III

Sometimes God uses famines:

V. To display His grace – Job 5:17 – 20

- A. God allows famines so He can show forth His mercy.
 - 1. God uses countries like ours to feed many people in other countries.
 - 2. God does want to reveal Himself as a loving and gracious God.
 - 3. It is no coincidences that America is able to send tons upon tons of food around the world.
 - 4. There are many reasons why so many people in other nations are struggling to feed their families.
 - a. They live in countries where corrupt leaders steal everything.
 - b. The people of North Korea suffer greatly from hunger (except their corrupt leaders.)
 - c. It is how socialism & communism works, starve the people & aggrandize the leaders.
 - d. Yes, North Koreans are starving because of corrupt leaders, & what food does get to them, it is because of God's graciousness.
 - 5. America is one of the largest producers of food in the world, not because of our righteousness, but because of God's grace in which He uses us in spite of our sins & failures.
- B. He is using us, not because we are righteous or a moral nation.
 - 1. As a nation we have multiple wagons laden with sin and filth.
 - 2. A horrifying number of abortions every day simply because of the inconvenience & greed pushes it.
 - 3. We live in one of several states that wants abortion to be a constitutional right!
 - 4. America is in the throes of degenerating into a godlessness & pagan nation of selfish idolators.
- C. So, then why does God still want to use us?
 - 1. Because the need is great around the world.
 - 2. But let us not fool ourselves, there will come a time when God has no use for America if we continue down this road of thumbing our noses at His holiness and righteousness.
 - 3. **Genesis 6:3.**

Sometimes God uses famines to:

VI. Increase our faith – Psalm 33:18 - 21.

- A. When Abraham, having recently moved into the land God had in mind for him, he was faced with the question, "Can I trust God to take care of me?"
- B. God allowed this event in Abraham's life for Abraham to learn something about his own heart.
 - 1. Abraham appears to have looked about and concluded Egypt was his best bet.
 - 2. It isn't because Abraham did not know God, Abraham didn't know his own heart as of yet.
- C. Many have or will make this same decision, we will trust Him with our soul and turn around in other circumstances lean to our own understanding. **(Isaiah 55:8 & 9; Proverbs 3:5)**
- D. Faith is not a means of getting what we want, but trusting God in difficult times & tranquil times.

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VII. Bring about judgement – Amos 8:11 – 12.

- A. Such is the reality with the third horse and rider as we see in **Revelation 6:5 & 6.**
- B. While it is far from the average person's thinking, there is something worse than a famine of food!
 - 1. It is a famine of hearing the Word of God. **(America is at this point & has been, saved and lost alike.)**
 - 2. We are presently seeing the effects of more and more people not reading the Bible let alone hearing what God has to say to each and every generation.
 - 3. It is a very sad day when any nation goes down the road of legislating sin as a right and a law.
- C. America as a nation has little to no respect for the way of righteousness and very little fear or respect for God. – **Zephaniah 2:1 – 5.**
- D. We continually hear that as fundamentalist, that we take the Bible to seriously or to literally. Sadly, they are dismissive of the Bible to their own destruction.
- E. Is America becoming a nation experiencing a famine of hearing the Word of God? (Absolutely!)
- F. It is getting harder and harder to find a church that preaches the Word of God without apology or without compromise.
- G. **Amos 8:12** reminds us of folks finally waking up to the disastrous character of a World in which God has withdrawn Himself and this famine means they have found no one, searching high and low, there were few to no preachers, few churches to preach of hope, any hope – they were seemingly impossible to find!
- H. The Tribulation dwellers looking for hope will find this one of the most horrifying aspect of the Tribulation.
 - 1. This does not mean folks won't get saved in the Tribulation – some will.
 - 2. If we think it is tough now! It will be an extremely costly decision, a right decision, but costly!
 - 3. **Revelation 13:11 – 18.**