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AMOS 8:11-14 GOD

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- ❖ **Matthew 13:22** – cares and riches choke out the word.
- ❖ **John 6:26-27** – material focus eclipses spiritual significance.
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 3:1-4** – carnal minds warp spiritual matters and take away spiritual discernment.

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- ❖ **James 1:21** – must lay aside sin to receive the word.
- ❖ **1 Timothy 1:18-20** – rejection of a good conscience leads to the defilement of God's word.
- ❖ **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** – love of unrighteousness leads to delusion.

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Perverted Worship (Amos 4:4-5; 5:4-5, 21-27)

- ❖ **John 4:24** – God desires worship in spirit and truth.
- ❖ **Matthew 15:3, 7-9** – unauthorized worship supplants God's word.
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 10:6-8** – perverted worship is accompanied by a rejection of the most basic teachings of God's word.

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- ❖ **2 Timothy 4:1-5** – those who turn to fables do not desire the word of God.
- ❖ **1 Timothy 1:3-4, 8-11** – fables are to be rejected.
- ❖ **1 Corinthians 5:1-2, 6-8** – failure to address sin leads to a neglect and rejection of truth.
- ❖ **1 Thessalonians 5:14, 19-22** – unruliness must be addressed lest the Spirit be quenched.

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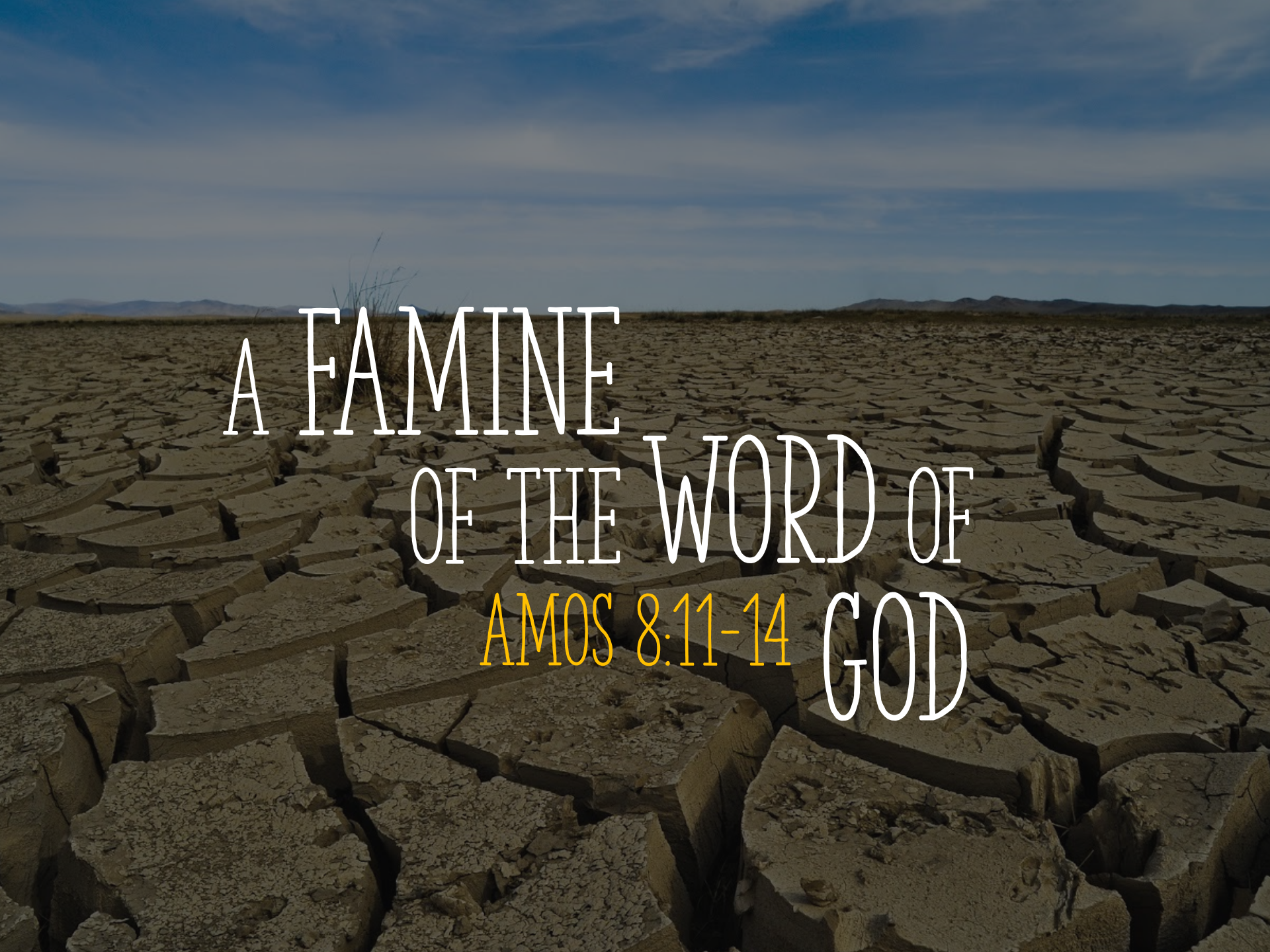
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Distaste for Truth (Amos 2:11-12; 7:7-9, 12-13)

- ❖ **2 Chronicles 36:15-16** – Judah's rejection of God's attempt to bring them back by His word.
- ❖ **Hosea 4:6** – knowledge rejected.
- ❖ **Romans 1:18, 28** – suppression of truth.
- ❖ **Matthew 13:10-17** – those who did not desire the truth were not given to know the truth.

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