

# GLEANINGS

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## THE FAMINE IS COMING

We have been looking at lessons Jesus was sharing in the parable He told about the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24). In the last article, we noted that a loving father is always ready to welcome back one of his children who has left his fellowship and wandered away into the world. If you do not have the past articles, you may obtain them either from the paper office or on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

Another lesson we should consider is the condition that took place that made the plight of the prodigal son even more unbearable. <sup>11</sup>*And he said, A certain man had two sons: <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. <sup>13</sup>And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.*

The prodigal son found himself broke, alone and away from the generosity of his loving father. Then a famine develops in the land. When he left home with wealth, he thought he had it all figured out. Now he discovered that there is a shortage and it is impossible for him to secure his basic needs.

The Greek word *lee-ms'* that was translated famine in our English translations means *destitution because of a scarcity of food*. In one of our previous articles (God Warned His Wife), we examined the prophecy in the third chapter of Isaiah. In the third chapter, God lists the things the nation of Israel would lose when He chastises them because of their unfaithfulness and sinfulness. In Isaiah 3:1, God said He would no longer protect and provide for the nation of Israel. As a result, they would suffer a shortage of essential food supplies.

When the people of the United States or any other nation are seduced by Satan to turn from following the laws of the living God, they can expect the same consequences.