



Seek God and Live · The book of Amos

The Farmer Prophet Amos 1-3

Amos 1:1 – *“The words of Amos, who was among the shepherders from Tekoa”*

- The Judgment on surrounding nations (1:3 - 2:3)
 - Syria for cruelty (1:3-5)
 - Philistia for making slaves (1:6-8)
 - Phoenicia for breaking the treaty and selling slaves (1:9-10)
 - Edom for their vengeful spirit (1:11-12)
 - Ammon for violent crimes (1:13-15)
 - Moab for injustice (2:1-3)
- Judgment on Judah and Israel (2:4 - 6:14)
 - Judgement on Judah for despising the law (2:4-5)
 - Judgement on Israel for immorality and blasphemy (2:6-16)
 - God’s charge against the whole house of Israel - 12 Tribes (Chapter 3)

Disgusting Worship Amos 4-9

Amos 5:23 – *“Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps”*

- Israel punished for their past sins (Amos 4)
 - Empty and hypocritical worship
- Israel punished for the future sins (Amos 5)
 - Injustice and oppression over the weak
- Israel called to repent (Amos 6)
- Visions of a future judgment (Amos 7-9)

The God of Second Chances Amos 5:4; 9:11-15

Amos 5:4 – *“For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel, ‘Seek Me that you may live.’ ”*

- God’s announcement of judgement always has an invitation of mercy attached to it (Amos 5:4-6; 8; 14-15)
- The Hebrew word for seek in Chapter 5 is “darash” which means “to pursue, follow, inquire”
- The future promise of a restored Kingdom with Jesus as our King (9:11-15)

Father's Day Prayer + LifeGroup Discussion:

A Prayer to Pray Over Your Dad on Father's Day (based on Colossians 1:9-12 and Ephesians 6:1-2)

Heavenly Father, I thank you for my earthly father.

May you fill my Dad with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Will you give Dad the strength to walk in a manner worthy of You, pleasing you in all respects and bearing fruit in every good work while increasing him in the knowledge of You. Will you strengthen him with all power according to your glorious might. Will you give him steadfastness, patience and joy in his role as a Dad. And heavenly father, fill my earthly father with a heart full of thanksgiving for You, the ultimate Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints through faith in Jesus Christ. And finally Lord, I pray that as his child, will show me ways that I can honor, love, forgive, cherish and respect my Dad as a way of honoring and glorifying You, my heavenly father.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

1. Amos was an unlikely prophet. A shepherd/farmer from a small village, he didn't have the credentials or platform required to speak to governments, leaders, and nations. Yet God chose to use him as his spokesperson. What does this say about God and how He chooses to use people for his plans?
2. The people of the nation of Israel faithfully attended worship services, but their hearts and actions were filled with hate, greed, lust, and false idol worship. Why is it so commonplace, even in our world, to attend church but then have no transformation of the heart in our thoughts, deeds, and actions?
3. The story of Amos is that even in people's worst and most sinful moments, God was offering mercy if the people would turn from their sin. From history we know that most, if not all rejected Amos' message. Why did they reject God's offer of mercy? Why do people reject God's offer of mercy today?

In Response:

COMMUNION: Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.

