

# Amos: Right Worship Before God

Series: Major Messages from the Minor Prophets

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## The Message of Amos

### 1. The Kind of People God Calls

Amos 1:1

The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—

Amos 7:14-15

Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

**God delights in using ordinary people.**

**Amos prophesied during a time of peace and great prosperity, not unlike our time today.**

### 2. Prosperity Brings Problems

Amos 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup> This is what the LORD says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent. They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. <sup>7</sup> They trample on the heads of the poor as on the dust of the ground and deny justice to the oppressed.

### 3. Right Worship Before God

Amos 5:21-24

<sup>21</sup> “I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. <sup>22</sup> Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no

regard for them. <sup>23</sup> Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

### 4. The Measure of a Man- God’s Plumb Line

Amos 7:7-8

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” “A plumb line,” I replied.

Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

**Our lives are measured against God’s word.**

### 5. The Promise of Restoration

Amos 9:11-15

<sup>11</sup> “In that day “I will restore David’s fallen shelter— I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins— and will rebuild it as it used to be, <sup>12</sup> so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name,” declares the Lord, who will do these things.

<sup>13</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, <sup>14</sup> and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. “They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the Lord your God.