



# The Book of Amos

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## Ice Breaker

What is one ordinary or unexpected job you have held in your life, and what did you learn from it?

## Key Verses

- Amos 7:14-15
- Amos 2:6-7
- Amos 3:2
- Amos 4:1
- Amos 5:21-24
- Amos 8:4-7
- Amos 9:11-15

## Questions

Amos was a shepherd and fig farmer with no formal religious training, yet God called Him to deliver a hard message to an entire nation. What does that tell us about how God chooses and uses people? Have you ever felt like a just a person when it comes to serving God?

Israel was prosperous and religiously active, yet God said their worship was a stench to Him. What do you think makes worship genuine versus hollow or empty?

The sermon pointed out that we tend to enjoy conviction when it seems aimed at someone else. Can you think of a time when a sermon or scripture hit closer to home than you expected? How did you respond?

Amos 3:2 says that greater knowledge of God brings greater accountability, not greater immunity. How does that challenge the way you think about your own spiritual life and the privileges you have had access to?

God repeatedly sent warnings, drought, famine, plague, and military defeat, to get Israel's attention, yet they did not return to Him. What are some ways God might be trying to get our attention today, individually or as a church?

The sermon described sin like a cold swimming pool, where we gradually get comfortable the longer we stay in it. Can you think of an area in your own life where you may have slowly grown comfortable with something that does not reflect God's heart?

Amos 5:24 calls for justice to roll like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream. What does it look like practically for a follower of Jesus to pursue justice and care for the vulnerable in everyday life?

The book of Amos ends not in judgment but in hope and restoration. How does knowing that God's ultimate desire is to restore rather than destroy change the way you approach repentance and returning to Him after failure?

## **Life Application**

This week, take an honest look at the gap between your Sunday worship and your Monday behavior. Choose one specific area, whether it is how you treat a coworker, how you speak about people who are struggling, how you handle your finances, or how you respond to someone in need, and intentionally bring it into alignment with what you say you believe. Ask God each morning to help your worship be sincere and your obedience real.

# Key Takeaways

God sees every injustice, both in ancient Israel and in our lives today. He does not overlook how people are treated, and He does not accept religious activity as a substitute for genuine obedience and mercy.

Greater knowledge of God brings greater accountability. The more we know of God's Word and character, the more responsible we are to let it transform the way we live and treat others.

God will not accept hollow worship that is disconnected from repentance and right living. When what happens in the sanctuary does not spill into the rest of the week, worship becomes an empty performance.

God is patient and uses difficulty and disruption to call His people back to Himself. His warnings are acts of love, not abandonment, and He always leaves a door open for return.

The Book of Amos ends in hope. The same God who confronts sin delights to restore sinners, and that restoration is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who satisfied the demands of justice on the cross and opened the way for all people to be welcomed into God's family.

# Ending Prayer

Lord, thank You for the truth of Your Word and for the time we have had together today to wrestle with it. Like Amos, You have called us to more than religious routine. You have called us to lives that reflect Your heart for justice, mercy, and humility. Forgive us where we have let worship become a performance and where we have treated Sunday as separate from the rest of our week. Restore what is broken in us. Rebuild what has fallen. Let the hope at the end of Amos be real to each person here, that You are a God who wounds in order to heal and who calls us back because Your love is deeper than our failure. Send us out this week as people who live what we worship, who love the vulnerable, and who walk humbly with You. In the strong and gracious name of Jesus, amen.