

MAJOR ON THE MINORS: FAITH IN THE PROPHETIC BOOKS

The Minor Prophets may be some of the most overlooked books of the Bible, but their messages are anything but minor. In this multi-week series, **Major on the Minors**, we'll journey through the lives and ministries of God's twelve prophetic messengers and discover how their stories intersect with our own.

MAJOR ON THE MINORS: AMOS

FAITH TO OVERCOME INJUSTICE

INTRODUCTION

Big Idea: We all recognize injustice when we experience it, but Amos reminds us that **God sees it too.**

I. THE ROAR OF GOD'S JUSTICE

Amos 1:1-2

> "The Lord roars from Zion…"

- Amos was an unlikely messenger.
- God's voice cannot be ignored.
- No one is beyond God's reach.

II. THE TRAP OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

Amos 1-2

- God confronts the sins of the nations.
- Israel may have applauded God's judgment on others.
- Then Amos turns the message toward them.

God is not just concerned with the sins around us; He is concerned with the sins within us.

III. WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE BECOME THE PROBLEM

Amos 2:6-16; 3:2

- Exploiting the poor
- Corrupting justice
- Sexual immorality
- Religious hypocrisy
- Rejecting God's prophets

> "You only have I known of all the families of the earth…" — Amos 3:2

Privilege without obedience leads to judgment.

IV. THE BURDEN OF SPEAKING GOD'S TRUTH

Amos 3:8

> "The lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?"

- God's calling carries responsibility.
- Speaking truth is not always popular.

- Obedience can be costly.

Real prophets don't seek attention; they carry burdens.

V. RELIGION WITHOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS

Amos 4-5

> "Yet you have not returned to Me."

- Sacrifice without obedience
- Worship without repentance
- Ritual without relationship

You can attend church and still miss God.

VI. SEEK THE LORD AND LIVE

Amos 5:4-6, 14-15

- Judgment is deserved.
- Mercy is still available.
- Repentance opens the door to life.

Before God announces destruction, He offers restoration.

VII. LET JUSTICE ROLL

Amos 5:21-24

> "But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

God wants more than:

- Songs
- Festivals
- Offerings

God desires:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Righteousness

God is looking for a life that matches our worship.

VIII. THE LINE GOD USES TO MEASURE US

Amos 7-9

The Five Visions:

1. Locusts
2. Fire
3. The Plumb Line
4. Summer Fruit
5. Destruction

God measures what we ignore.

The plumb line reminds us:

- God's standard does not move.
- Culture does not determine truth.
- God's Word is the standard.

IX. FAITHFUL WHEN NO ONE WANTS TO LISTEN

Amos 7:10-17

> "I was no prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet…"

- Amos was qualified by calling, not credentials.
- Obedience matters more than popularity.
- God uses ordinary people to deliver extraordinary truth.

X. JUSTICE IS NOT GOD'S LAST WORD

Amos 9:11-15

- God promises restoration.
- David's fallen tent will be raised.
- God remains faithful to His promises.
- Judgment will not have the final word.

The God who judges injustice is also the God who restores what has been broken.

CONCLUSION: FAITH TO OVERCOME INJUSTICE

Because God:

1. **Sees injustice**
2. **Confronts injustice**
3. **Calls us to repentance**
4. **Measures us by His standard**
5. **Promises restoration**

FINAL THOUGHT

Faith is not ignoring injustice or merely complaining about injustice. Faith is trusting that God sees it, speaking truth in the middle of it, living righteously despite it, and believing that one day the King will make all things right.

Prayer Request / Notes
