

Amos 5-6 – 2 April 2026

“The Call To Leave & Cleave”

Introduction

*Amos isn't a prophet by occupation

*He's a shepherd that became a prophet for a year

*The middle portion of his letter (chapters 3-6) is the direct indictment against Israel for their sins

*Chap 3-4 looked at the benefits and privileges that God gave Israel – that they're accountable to use

*Now chap 5-6 focuses on the dichotomy of not just cleaving to God but also leaving behind sin

*We're called to spiritually leave and cleave

Today, we'll see 4 parts to believe that we must leave and cleave

#1 – What to do: Change directions (Chap 5:1-9)

Read 5:1-3

1. The Babylonian Captivity results in the diminishing of Israel in numbers
2. See, there is no rejoicing, but it's lamentation
 - a. We don't make fun of the ungodly that will be judged
 - b. We warn them with fear and trembling

Read 5:4-7

1. In our relationship with the Lord, there is a leaving and cleaving – just as with marriage
 - a. We stop pursuing the false stimulants of this life and seek to know God's ways
 - b. When we say "I do" we are simultaneously saying "I don't" to everyone else
2. It's right that correction should come to the adulterer – it's the same for the spiritual adultery

Read 5:8-9

1. Pleiades is part of the constellation Taurus
 - a. In the Mazzaroth, Taurus is the bull and Orion is the hunter
 - b. This shows of bringing justice over the unruly one
2. The God who made the heavens & earth is the One that's calling for our attention

#2 – How to do it: Specific good actions (Chap 5:10-15)

Read 5:10-15

1. Vs 10-13 is the evil they're doing & vs 14-15 is what to do about it
 - a. They oppress justice, hate those living righteously & steal from the poor
2. We shouldn't talk *generally* with a sinner, but talk *specifically*
 - a. Here's what harming you, do *this* instead
 - b. You need to simply choose what is good!

#3 – Where to do it: At work, home & church (Chap 5:16-27)

Read 5:16-20

1. All their places of *business* will fail b/c of their corruption
2. They'll try to flee to their *homes*, but their failure will find them
3. The Day of the Lord to them is horrible b/c their sin is still upon them
 - a. Day of the Lord for us will be the day of justice

Read 5:21-24

1. The fellowship of their worship at *church* can't be received if there isn't proper relationship
 - a. If there's injustice, pride & sin, deal w/ it 1st
 - b. It's like your brother abusing or hitting you & then coming to Friday night game night & everyone's expected to just have a good time
2. Where there's no agreement, there's no enjoyment
3. Where there's no stewardship, there's no fellowship

Read 5:25-27

1. Stephen uses these vss in his Acts 7 condemnation of Israel's continual sin
2. Though Israel was given proper worship in the wilderness – they added worship of false gods
 - a. “Sikkuth your king” could be translated *the shrine of Molech*
 - b. “Kiyyun” could be translated *pedestal* or *Rephaim* (false god) depending on the language
3. We can't expect the Lord to accept our worship if we're *also* giving our devotion to others as well

#4 – Why to do it: B/c our pride & ease lead to judgement (Chap 6:1-14)

Read 6:1-2

1. Being at ease isn't always bad or wrong
 - a. Jesus wants us to come and rest
 - b. But when there's sin to be dealt with, it's wrong

2. Compared to “those other sinners” they were just as bad
3. It can be helpful to consider another’s sin and then immediately flash back to your own sin
 - a. We *always* see other’s sin as horrible
 - b. Flash over to your sin & see it as the same

Read 6:3-7

1. High life of those at rest, will be brought down
 - a. There is sin to be dealt with, yet they want comfort
2. David isn’t condemned here
 - a. He had peace w/ God & reasons to be at ease
 - b. The condemnation is that these men wanted the rest & peace of David w/o doing the repentant work that David did

Read 6:8-11

1. The problem isn’t just the outward activity of ease (not doing the right deeds), but it’s of pride
 - a. God resists proud, but grace to the humble

2. When judgement comes, no one will speak the name of the Lord
 - a. B/c the enemy is within the city
 - b. There will be shame in calling out to Him
3. Again, we have an example of cremation
 - a. No scriptural restriction to using it
 - b. Our bodies are only our space suits for this environment

Read 6:12-14

1. When the Assyrians conquer Israel, it'll be taken down to the rocks
 - a. No soil left to work with
2. All b/c they rejoiced in “things of nought” which are idols
 - a. They rested in confidence that they were good with God, yet they're self-deceived

Conclusion

How are we doing with the dichotomy or leaving and cleaving? Are you good at one but not the other?

1. **What are we to do?** Change directions
 - a. Receive God's good path
 - b. AND reject the ways of the world
2. **How are we to do it?** With specific good actions
 - a. Accept what your specific temptations are
 - b. Specifically deal with those issues
3. **Where are we to do it?** At work, home & church
 - a. Don't allow any area of sin to remain
4. **Why are we to do it?** B/c our pride & comfort will lead to judgement
 - a. We can't ignore our problems into heaven
 - b. True peace in our found in having right relationship with the Lord

I leave you with a reminded of Amos 5:4 & 6 in which the Lord says, "Seek Me and live"