

Minor Prophets--Amos

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I. Introduction.

- A. Amos's hometown was Tekoa.
- B. He was commissioned to prophesy to the Northern Kingdom (e.g., Israel or Ephraim).
- C. To know means to have a loving relationship with and be lovingly involved. God "knew" the nations.
- D. Two people cannot walk together unless they agree.
- E. "Cows" refers to wealthy women in Amos 4.
- F. Text: Amos 5-6

II. The eulogy of the fall of Israel.

- A. The immanency of divine judgment. The armies had been wiped out, but God in grace still calls Israel His "virgin."
- B. The invitation of God.
- C. The vindication of justice.
 - 1. There is a time when the better part of wisdom says to do nothing.
 - 2. There are other times when a person has the moral obligation to say something.
 - 3. The believer is to seek good and righteousness.
- D. The lamentation of Israel. The Lord promises to protect His people. (Exodus 12)
- E. There are woes for false security.
- F. Prophecies of worship. We must not fall into the trap of routine worship.
- G. The second set of woes.

III. Applications.

- A. Wealth brings out the worst in people.
- B. God hates oppression.
- C. God wants righteousness.

Application questions:

1. What can God calling Israel His “virgin” in the midst of its sin help us to understand about His view of the church today?

2. What are some things that are false securities for you? How can you challenge yourself in these areas?

3. Read Amos 5 again. Did you have any other observations that were not mentioned by the speaker?
