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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

11-157-36 AMOS: GOD SPEAKS TO A SENTIMENTAL AGE
(RSV)

:00-3:10 Comments about our “feelings” age and some information on Amos.

3:10 Amos 7:14-15 Amos was a shepherd and a vine dresser, (most likely the owner and not a hired hand. He was educated and his writings are the most polished Hebrew in the Old Testament); but the Lord told him to prophesy to Israel. Reference Amos 3:8. Some history on the divided kingdom. Amos was from the Southern kingdom but his prophesy was to the ten Northern tribes., whose worship center was Bethel.

6:30 Four points to teaching today:

1. To whom much is given, much is required.
Teaching.

The Israelites had been given the covenant, but they took it as point of privilege rather than a responsibility for service.

7:40 Amos 3:1-2 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt: 2 “You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. Teaching Privilege and obedience are solidly linked together by God.

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11:15 The privilege to be an American. Teaching on how we have run the same path as the Israelites in moving apart from God. Are we in danger of the word Ichabod appearing over our nation: Inglorious – The Glory has departed.

15:15 **2.** Sometimes trials and calamities are intended to be an occasion for God to speak to us.

Amos 4:6-12 God sent many calamities upon Israel but it did not result in their repentance nor their return to him.

18:30 James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Much of the church today s filled with baby Christians who lack maturity.

Learn from Amos and ask what God is trying to teach during times of difficulty. Reference Romans 8:28 Not all things are good but God is able to work for you in the midst of everything, if you let him.

22:20 **3.** When you turn your back on the truth you take a step into darkness. Disobedience is a frightful thing.

24:00 Amos 8:11-12 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

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The word refused is ultimately removed. Disobedience brings bondage – the unwillingness to act upon that which we know to be true to God's will.

Growth in understanding while remaining stunted in obedience is a perilous condition.

26:20 Jesus makes the same point when he speaks of the unforgivable sin Reference Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-29; Lk 12:10. Continual denial of the conviction of the Holy Spirit produces a hardened heart and the person is unable to repent. God is always able to forgive, but the person is unable to ask.

28:45 4. God will never accept the substitution of religious ceremonies for the practical obedience of his people.

Amos 5:21-24 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reference Amos 2:6-7 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes — 7 they that trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and turn aside the way of the afflicted;

Teaching on hypocrisy when people act in ways against God's will but attend religious ceremonies. In business and in other

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aspects of life. There is to be no discontinuity between belief and behavior or faith and works. We are blessed that we might be a blessing.

Amos 5:4 The Lord says: Seek me and Live. Reference Amos 5:14-15 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. 15 Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

35:05 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Amos 7:14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Amos 3:8 The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?"

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Amos 4:7 "And I also withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest; I would send rain upon one city, and send no rain upon another city; one field would be rained upon, and the field on which it did not rain withered; 8 so two or three cities wandered to one city to drink water, and were not satisfied; yet you did not return to me," says the LORD.

Amos 4:9 "I smote you with blight and mildew; I laid waste your gardens and your vineyards; your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured; yet you did not return to me," says the LORD.

Amos 4:10 "I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I slew your young men with the sword; I carried away your horses; and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to me," says the LORD.

Amos 4:11 "I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me," says the LORD.

Amos 4:12 "Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!"

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Rom. 8:28 We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

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Matt. 12:31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 And whoever says a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Mark 3:28 “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —

Luke 12:10 And every one who speaks a word against the Son of man will be forgiven; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

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