MINOR PROPHETS, MAJOR LESSONS
The Minor Prophets Series #5
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TEXT: Amos 1:1; 5:1-27

CONSIDER THIS: One of the best ways to know how sincere a person is about their faith in God is to observe how they treat other people. Amos brought a message of strong warning and rebuke to Israel. God's judgement was soon to come upon them, and God wanted them to know why. One big factor was the ever-constant sin of idolatry. The other huge issue was the lack of justice and righteousness in the relationships the people of Israel had with others. Specifically, the rich and powerful trampled on the rights of those less fortunate. This callousness was the fruit of idolatry, carried out by people who considered themselves to be religious. God was watching and He was not pleased. **MINOR PROPHETS, MAJOR LESSONS.**

Amos 5

5:1-3 A funeral lament for fallen Israel as though judgement had already happened. A wake-up call if there ever was one yet IGNORED.

Christian, do you ever ignore warning signs that you need to get back on track with God?

5:4-17 *For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: "Seek me and live; but do not seek Bethel, and do not enter into Gilgal or cross over to Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into exile, and Bethel shall come to nothing."* (5:4-5)

In this section of Amos 5 the prophet exposes the sins of the ruling class/elites (Israel was never meant to have such a stratified society!) (see 5:7, 10-12). In 5:14 their false sense of religious security is exposed.

Christian, "financial security" is one of America's worst idols. Those who have it often forget God, and those who don't have it long for it. **WARNING:** There is no such thing as financial security, it is a false god! (see Matthew 6:19-21)

5:18-20 *Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!* Why would you have the day of the LORD? (5:18)

Israel was blind to their own sin (amazing, considering how idolatrous they were) and so they thought of God's coming judgement as being to their advantage. He was going to judge **other nations**, but not them.

Christian, the moment you look at someone and take **pleasure** in knowing someday they will answer to God for their wrongdoing, **STOP**, and be reminded that you own sin deserves judgement.

5:21-24 *Take away from me the noise of your songs* (5:23)

The offerings here refer to Leviticus 1, and the songs refer to the Psalms. It is as though they served and worshipped idols 6 days per week but 1 day a week was "for the LORD." This is the same heart condition as syncretism in Exodus 32:1-6. (see Psalm 51:16-17; Joel 2:12-13; Matthew 6:24)

Christian, what does God think of your singing on Sunday mornings?

NOTE: One of the best spiritual habits you can establish is to take time to prepare your heart before Sunday morning worship. This might include confessing sin and addressing broken or damaged relationships. Take time to give thanks to God, not just for what He has done for you, but thanks for who He is.

5:25-27 "Sikkuth and Kiyyun" were false gods that were part of worshipping the stars in the night sky.

"… and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.
(Amos 5:27)

KEY: This was fulfilled in 722 BC when the Northern King of Israel was wiped out by the Assyrians. God had sent prophets like Amos to warn Israel over and over, but this was the outcome of ignoring God's word.

AND YET…

"I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them, "says the LORD your God.
Amos 9:14-15

Our God faithfully restores us when we fall. Thank-you Lord!

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