










Journey Through Amos: Justice, Mercy, and the Heart of God



Explore Amos with a 7-day study emphasizing
God's justice, mercy, and call to authentic faith.

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Introduction

The Book of Amos is a powerful prophetic message that cuts straight to the heart of both Israel and us today. As one of the earliest literary prophets, Amos delivers God's unflinching call for justice, righteousness, and genuine worship. His words challenge complacency, greed, and hypocrisy while pointing to the necessity of true devotion to God.

Amos lived during a time of prosperity in Israel, but it was a prosperity built on the exploitation of the poor and corruption. Yet God's message through Amos reminds us that spiritual rituals alone cannot replace a heart aligned with God's will. This study dives deep into this ancient yet timely book, unpacking themes of judgment and hope, accountability, and divine mercy.

Throughout the next seven days, we will examine key passages, reflect on their meaning, and consider how Amos's call to justice and mercy resonates with our lives today. Whether you are new to the prophets or well acquainted, this study aims to refresh your understanding and deepen your passion for living out God's justice and love in a broken world.

Let's embark on this journey through the Book of Amos, allowing its bold words to challenge and inspire us to live with integrity before God and neighbor.





Day 1: The Burden of Amos: A Prophet Called



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Your Verse

Amos 1:1 – “The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—the vision he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake...”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...”*
- *Isaiah 6:8 – “Here am I. Send me!”*



Day 1: 📖 The Burden of Amos: A Prophet Called

Devotional: Embracing God's Call to Speak Truth

Amos begins his prophetic ministry by identifying himself as a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore-fig trees. Though he was not a professional prophet by trade, God chose him to deliver a difficult message to Israel. His unique background underscores an important truth: God can use anyone who is willing to obey His call. Like Amos, we may feel inadequate or unqualified, but God's call comes first and equips us for the task.

Amos's message was urgent and challenging. He was sent to warn a nation enjoying material prosperity but blind to moral decay. This reminds us that God's word often confronts us with uncomfortable truths about our own society and lives. Yet, his willingness to stand firm in God's truth, despite opposition, encourages us to be bold and faithful.

As we begin this study, ask yourself if you are open to hear God's voice and ready to act, even when it challenges comfort zones. God's call to Amos is also a call to each believer to live authentically before Him and courageously for justice.



Reflect and Apply

1. What qualities do you see in Amos that God might be calling forth in you?

2. How do you respond when God's truth challenges your comfort?

3. In what ways might God be preparing you to speak or act boldly this week?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you felt God calling you to something difficult.

2. List areas in your life where you need to be more courageous in faith.

3. Reflect on any fears or doubts that hold you back from obeying God's call.



Day 1: 📖 The Burden of Amos: A Prophet Called

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for calling me as You called Amos, not because I am perfect but because You see my heart. Help me to listen attentively and to obey courageously, trusting Your strength and purpose even when Your word challenges me. Teach me to embrace Your truth with boldness, to live justly, and to love mercy. May Your Spirit guide my steps faithfully, and may I be a vessel for Your justice and grace in this world. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏📖





Day 2: 🏛️ God's Judgment on Nations



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Your Verse

Amos 1:3 – “This is what the Lord says: ‘For three sins of Damascus, even for four, I will not revoke the punishment...’”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 9:7-8 – “The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.”*
- *Ecclesiastes 12:14 – “God will bring every deed into judgment...”*



Devotional: Recognizing God's Justice on Nations and Us

Amos begins his prophecies with a series of oracles against surrounding nations, pronouncing judgment for their brutal and unjust actions. This sets the context for God's holiness and His demand for righteousness not only from Israel but from all peoples.

God is sovereign and holds every nation accountable for their injustices, whether it be cruelty in war or exploitation of others. The detailed accusations highlight that God sees injustice even when humans may overlook or normalize it.

For us, this reveals that God's standard of justice is universal and timeless. It challenges believers to reflect on how we treat our neighbors and the broader world. Are we complicit in or silent about injustice? Do we seek to live under God's justice in our daily decisions?

God's judgment is serious, but it also reveals His heart for fairness and defense of the oppressed. His justice intends restoration and righteousness to flourish.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does knowing God judges entire nations affect your view of justice?

2. Are there injustices in your community or country that you feel called to address?

3. How do you respond personally when you see injustice around you?



Journaling Prompts

1. Identify any injustices you've witnessed or experienced recently.

2. Write about how God's justice influences your attitudes or actions toward others.

3. Consider what role you can play in promoting justice in your sphere of influence.



Day 2: 🏛️ God's Judgment on Nations

Prayer for Today

Lord of justice, You are the righteous Judge over all nations. Help me to align my heart with Your holy standards and to deeply care about truth and fairness. Give me eyes to see where injustice persists and courage to stand for those who cannot defend themselves. Teach me to reflect Your justice in how I treat others and steward the resources You have given me. May my life be a testimony of Your just and loving reign. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ⚖️ 🙏 🌍 ✝️





Day 3: Israel's Social Corruption



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Your Verse

Amos 2:6 – “This is what the Lord says: ‘For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not revoke the punishment: They sell the innocent for silver...’”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Micah 6:8 – “Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.”*
- *Isaiah 1:17 – “Learn to do right; seek justice, encourage the oppressed.”*



Day 3: ❤️ Israel's Social Corruption

Devotional: God's Heart Against Injustice and Oppression

Amos expands from condemning foreign nations to indictment of Israel's own social sins. The wealthy oppress the poor, pervert justice, and live in selfish luxury while ignoring those in need. God's anger is stirred not only because of sin but because of broken covenant relationship and betrayal of His own people.

This challenges us to consider our own communities and lives. Are we complicit in systems that exploit others? Do we practice partiality or neglect those God calls us to serve?

True worship is inseparable from justice and mercy. The prophet stresses that rituals and sacrifices are meaningless if social injustice continues unchecked. God desires obedience that reflects His character — a life lived in integrity, care for the vulnerable, and honest dealings.

God's rebuke invites us to repent and realign our values with His kingdom priorities of justice, compassion, and humility.



Day 3: ❤️ Israel's Social Corruption

Reflect and Apply

1. What social injustices are present in your own context today?

2. How might your lifestyle or community reflect the abuses Amos condemned?

3. How can your faith shape actions towards fairness and care for the marginalized?



Day 3: ❤️ Israel's Social Corruption

Journaling Prompts

1. Write honestly about any ways your choices might contribute to injustice.

2. List practical steps you can take to promote justice and mercy where you live.

3. Reflect on God's heart for the poor and how that challenges you personally.



Day 3: ❤️ Israel's Social Corruption

Prayer for Today

Merciful God, Your word exposes the pride and injustice that separate us from You and from one another. Forgive us for times we have ignored the cries of the oppressed or lived selfishly. Awaken in us a deep compassion and a commitment to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Empower us by Your Spirit to be agents of healing and justice in our world. May our worship and lives honour You fully. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ❤️ 🙏 🤝 ✨





Day 4: 🔥 Call to True Worship



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Your Verse

Amos 5:21-24 – “I hate, I despise your religious festivals... But let justice roll on like a river...”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Hosea 6:6 – “I desire mercy, not sacrifice...”*
- *Matthew 23:23 – “Love God and do justice...”*



Day 4: 🔥 Call to True Worship

Devotional: God Desires Justice Over Empty Ritual

In this pivotal passage, God declares His hatred for Israel's superficial worship **detached from justice**. Though they participated in grand festivals and sacrifices, their hearts were far from God. The prophet Amos calls them—and us—to a deeper, authentic worship where justice flows freely and right living is evident.

This challenges a religion that focuses on external acts but neglects ethical living and concern for others. God's desire is for mercy to dominate worship and action, creating a community marked by righteousness and compassion.

This call invites us to evaluate our own spiritual lives. Are we living out our faith with integrity, pursuing justice as a natural outflow? True worship pleases God when it transforms hearts and relationships, not just when rituals are performed.

May this truth inspire us to live worship in every aspect of life—through justice, kindness, and faithfulness toward God and neighbor.



Day 4: 🔥 Call to True Worship

Reflect and Apply

1. What might God be asking you to change in your worship or lifestyle?

2. In what ways can you make justice a flowing part of your daily life?

3. How does worship go beyond rituals to reflect God's character?



Day 4: 🔥 Call to True Worship

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe what authentic worship means to you personally.

2. List any areas where your faith and actions might not align fully.

3. Write a prayer asking God to purify your heart and motives.



Day 4: 🔥 Call to True Worship

Prayer for Today

Lord God, Your words through Amos remind us that You desire sincere worship marked by justice and mercy, not empty rituals. Search my heart and help me to worship You in Spirit and truth. May my life reflect Your love as I seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. Renew my commitment to live a faith that honors You fully. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🔥🙏





Day 5: 🌱 The Promise of Restoration



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Your Verse

Amos 9:13-15 – “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman... I will plant Israel in their own land...”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Jeremiah 31:3 – “I have loved you with an everlasting love.”*
- *Revelation 21:4 – “He will wipe every tear from their eyes.”*



Day 5: 🌱 The Promise of Restoration

Devotional: Hope Amid Judgment: God's Restoration Plan

Despite the hard messages of judgment, Amos ends with a beautiful promise of restoration and hope. God envisions a future where His people will be restored, blessed abundantly, and firmly established in their land. This hope reassures us that God's justice is paired with mercy and redemption.

For us today, this reminds us that even when we face hardships or consequences of sin, God's grace is powerful to renew and restore. It encourages perseverance, turning back to God, and trust in His ultimate plan.

The promise of restoration calls us to hope and faithful living, assured of God's enduring love and faithfulness. God's covenant relationship with His people never ends; He is a God of both justice and restoration.

Let these verses inspire renewal in your heart, knowing that God's hand of blessing is ready for those who turn to Him in repentance and faith.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does the promise of restoration encourage you in difficult seasons?

2. Where do you see God working to restore something in your life or community?

3. What steps of repentance or faith is God inviting you to take now?



Day 5: 🌱 The Promise of Restoration

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a personal experience where God restored hope.

2. Describe what restoration means to you in your spiritual journey.

3. List any barriers you feel God wants to remove for renewal.



Day 5: 🌱 The Promise of Restoration

Prayer for Today

Faithful God, thank You for Your promises of restoration and hope. When I feel despair or brokenness, remind me of Your abundant mercy and power to make all things new. Help me to trust that Your plans for me and Your people are good, even in seasons of judgment or challenge. Strengthen my faith to persevere and to live in alignment with Your will, anticipating Your glorious restoration. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🌱 🙏 🌿 ✨





Day 6: 💡 Walking Humbly with God



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Your Verse

Amos 5:14-15 – “Seek good, not evil, that you may live... Hate evil, love good; maintain justice.”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Micah 6:8 – “Walk humbly with your God.”*
- *James 4:6 – “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*



Day 6: 💡 Walking Humbly with God

Devotional: Cultivating Humility and Righteousness Daily

Amos calls Israel—and us—to actively pursue good, reject evil, and maintain justice as a way of life. This requires humility before God, recognizing our constant need for His guidance and grace. Walking humbly means acknowledging God's sovereignty and choosing to trust His ways over our own.

Humility does not mean weakness but strength under control—a heart aligned in obedience and reverence. In a world often driven by pride and self-interest, such humility enables us to be effective bearers of justice and mercy.

Taking these verses to heart means daily surrender to God's will, evaluating motives, and choosing to love what He loves. This fosters communities marked by peace, fairness, and faithfulness.

Let us embrace this call and ask God to shape us into humble servants who reflect His character in every sphere of life.



Day 6: 💡 Walking Humbly with God

Reflect and Apply

1. What does walking humbly with God look like in your daily life?

2. How do pride and self-interest hinder your pursuit of justice?

3. In what practical ways can you cultivate humility this week?



Day 6: 💡 Walking Humbly with God

Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on moments when humility opened doors for God's work in you.

2. Write about challenges you face in maintaining justice with humility.

3. List practical actions to help you seek good and reject evil daily.



Day 6: 💡 Walking Humbly with God

Prayer for Today

Gracious Father, teach me to walk humbly with You each day. Help me to seek good earnestly and hate evil sincerely. Guard my heart against pride and selfishness, and fill me with a spirit of justice and mercy. May my actions reflect Your love and righteousness so that others may see Your glory through me. Mold me into a humble servant ready to do Your will. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 💡 🙏 ❤️ ✚





Day 7: ✨ Living Amos's Message Today



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Your Verse

Amos 8:4 – “Hear this, you who trample the needy.. and do not defend the cause of the orphan.”

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 31:8 – “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.”*
- *Isaiah 58:6 – “To loose the chains of injustice..”*



Day 7: ✨ Living Amos's Message Today

Devotional: Applying Amos's Prophetic Call in Modern Life

Amos's urgent pleas to defend the needy, care for the orphan, and act justly resonate loudly with our modern context. Many challenges from Amos's day—oppression, greed, misuse of power—still exist. His message is a call to live out faith actively, not passively.

Living Amos's message means standing against injustice in our workplaces, communities, and governments. It means advocating for the marginalized, being voices for the voiceless, and ensuring our faith reflects in tangible actions of love and fairness.

This final day invites powerful reflection and commitment to walk in genuine obedience to the Lord. The prophetic call to justice and mercy remains as relevant and challenging as ever.

May God empower you to live the transforming message of Amos boldly, humbly, and with enduring faithfulness every day.



Day 7: ✨ Living Amos's Message Today

Reflect and Apply

1. How can you concretely defend and support the vulnerable in your context?

2. What areas in your life need changes to align fully with God's justice?

3. What ongoing commitments do you want to make in response to Amos's message?



Day 7: ✨ Living Amos's Message Today

Journaling Prompts

1. List specific ways to advocate for justice this month.

2. Reflect on the impact living Amos's message would have on your community.

3. Write a personal action plan to implement God's call for justice and mercy.



Day 7: ✨ Living Amos's Message Today

Prayer for Today

Lord of justice and mercy, thank You for the clear and powerful call through Amos to defend the vulnerable and live righteously. Give me courage to speak and act for those in need. Help me to embody Your love in actions and attitudes every day. May Your Spirit empower me to be a faithful witness of Your kingdom's values, bringing hope and healing where there is brokenness.

In Jesus' name, Amen. ✨ 🙏 🤝 ❤️





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