

11am Bible Study:
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Topic: Join the Faithful & Leave the Self-Assured
Series Title: Alert
Chapters: Amos 7 - 9:10 **Feb. 12th, 2025**

Central Text: Amos 7:16-17, NKJV, 16 Now therefore, **hear the word of the Lord:** You say, ‘*Do not prophesy against Israel, And do not spout (preach, NLT) against the house of Isaac.*’¹⁷ “Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Your wife shall be a harlot in the city; ***Your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword;*** Your land shall be divided by survey line; You shall die in a defiled land; ***And Israel shall surely be led away captive From his own land.***”

Introduction

God used visions to show Amos his plans of destruction for Israel. God could no longer stand by and witness the blatant rejection of his presence and commands.

How do we “join the faithful & leave the self-assured?”

1. Breakaway From Societal and Social Norms – Amos 7:7-17

- Each time we arise from sleep, we must decide whether to live according to societal and social norms or surrender to God’s direction and way of life. We answer this question daily through our actions and choices.
 - We can take the attention off of God and place it on ourselves if we’re not careful. Social Media Posts, Motivations, and Choices
 - We should examine our anxieties, determine if they stem from self-centeredness, and ask ourselves how trusting in God can help. We must **BEWARE OF SULKING**. We have to avoid pity parties, especially when we have access to **God’s Incredible Power**. Ephesians 1
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Question for Dialogue: Knowing that we reap what we sow (Gal.6:7-9), how can we remain faithful in chaos?

2. Restore Justice and Remove Pride – Amos 8

- Examine our lives for any dishonesty and immediately stop lying and apologize to whoever we’ve been lying to.
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Question for Dialogue: What are ways Christians can be just with the spiritual riches that God has given us?

3. Trust that God Secures the Faithful Presently and Eternally – Amos 9:1-10

- This text points to God’s destruction ***not being such that the faithful of Israel are without hope***. God’s faithful children of this generation are not without hope. God says, “I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob (v.8b).” God will secure his faithful children today and forever.
 - Jesus was faithful and never depended on himself during his earthly ministry. He always gave God glory and prayed to God to perform the miracles he performed.
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Question for Dialogue: What are areas of your life where you can be more faithful to God?