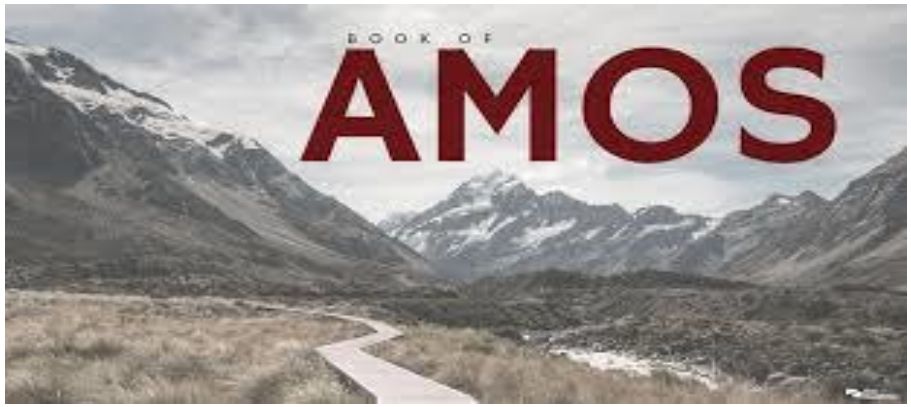

Sermon Notes: The Book of Amos

Key Scripture: Amos 9:11-12 & Acts 15:15-17

Genesis 17:7

1. The Abrahamic covenant did 3 things:

a. He promised them the land of Canaan.(Gen 12:1) (Gen 15:7)

b. He promised that their offspring would fill the earth and be blessed. (Gen 15:4-6) (Gen 17:6-8)

c. He promised that through them, all the peoples of the earth would be blessed. (Gen 12:3) He's talking about Jesus here.

2. Israel asks for a king in 1 Samuel 8:4-8.

3. 2 Kings 14:23-24 describes the time period of the kingdom of Israel during the book of Hosea under the reign of King Jeroboam II.

4. Worship and character are not separate issues Amos 5:21-23

<u>Sections of Amos's prophecy:</u>

a. Chapters 1-2 Messages of Judgment for Israel and surrounding nations. (Scriptures referenced here: Amos 2:6-7 & 13-14)

b. Chapters 3-6 A collection of poems from Amos to the leaders and people of Israel. (Scriptures referenced here: Amos 3:1-2, Luke 12:47-48, Amos 4:1-2, & Amos 5:24)

c. Chapters 7-9 Visions that are symbolic of the coming "Day of the Lord", ending with a message of hope. (Scriptures referenced here Amos 9:11-12 & Acts 15:12-17)

Application: Read Obadiah in preparation for next week's message.

I. Discuss these questions following the service with a friend or family member:

1. **Am I so comfortable in my life that I'm ignoring the poor and oppressed?**
2. **The widows, the orphans, the foreigners among us?**
3. **Am I ignoring injustices in the world because I think they don't affect me?**
4. **Do I see the hardships in the world and in my life as God wooing me towards Him? Or are they simply part of a weather pattern or natural phenomenon?**

II. Call a widow this week. Call an orphan this week. Give up something that is excess and find an opportunity to bless the poor.

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Notes: