

Responding to God's Judgement



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"A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:8).

Of all the Old Testament prophets, Amos speaks most clearly to our times. The prophecy he delivers zeroes in on our generation as if it were ripped from today's headlines. Indeed, Amos' message is a dual prophecy, meant not only for God's people in his day but also for the church right now, in our time.

Amos described God as a roaring lion, ready to strike Israel with judgment. The Lord was using Amos to awaken Israel with the message that God was about to send judgment on his people because of their overwhelming evil and corruption.

The Lord never judges a people without first raising up prophetic voices to warn them. "Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets" (3:7). As Amos saw the cloud of judgment gathering, he was compelled to speak: "If the trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid?" (3:6). Amos' message here is chilling: "God has sounded a trumpet of warning to his people but no one is alarmed."

Sadly, too many Christians have become biblically illiterate, open to great deception, and our nation has become pleasure-mad. But God still has a holy, separated remnant, those who aren't caught up in worldly pursuits; they're brokenhearted before the Lord and have a holy reverence of him.

Think about the events unfolding in our nation at this moment. Few want to hear a message having to do with judgment even though our nation is filled with fear. People are even saying, "I can't handle any more." But the Lord speaks when he will and his Spirit provides us strength to hear his Word, as delivered by his anointed servants. Our Lord will faithfully empower his people to endure whatever may come.

So, what are believers to do? Heed Amos' warning and follow his message: Seek the Lord with all your heart; allow yourself to be judged by his Word; and confess and forsake your sin. Then God will bless you with discernment and you can walk in total assurance of his presence and safety.

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