



WHEN THE LORD ROARS: AMOS' MOST IMPORTANT WORDS

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These are NOT Amos' most important words, but his most famous:

*"...let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream."*

—Amos 5:24 (ESV)

Made famous by Dr. Martin Luther King on August 28, 1963 in his,
"I Have a Dream" speech.

THE UNDENIABLE THEME IN THE BOOK OF AMOS

Every judgment pronouncement in Amos' first sermon is
established in the following pattern:

1. Who has the authority to _____.
2. A literary _____.
3. The _____ being judged.
4. An example of their _____.
5. The _____ taken by God.

Similarities in all the judgments:

1. "Thus says The Lord."
2. "I will not revoke the punishment."



WE LIKE TO HEAR MESSAGES THAT STEP ON OTHER PEOPLE'S TOES . . .

A woman attended an evangelistic meeting and was delighted when she learned that the preacher would talk about sin. When he preached against alcohol, she cried, "Preach it, brother!" When he denounced tobacco, she shouted, "Amen!" The minister's third point was a condemnation of gossip, and she leaned over to her friend that she had brought with her and said, "Now he's not preachin'; he's meddlin'!"¹

1. James Montgomery Boice, *The Minor Prophets: An Expository Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2002), 169.

JUDGMENT COMES TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

“It is worth taking these two nations together...they actually belong together as the one people of God, and the oracles against them form one continuing exposition of their sin and decline.”²

THE GREAT SIN OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL:

They ignored God’s _____.

Read Luke 12:35-48

“And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.”

–Luke 12:47-48 (ESV)

BUT THERE IS GOOD NEWS!

These are Amos’ MOST important words:

“Seek The Lord and live.” –Amos 5:6

Jesus is Lord!

*“...know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—
this Jesus whom you crucified.”*

–Acts 2:36 (ESV)

*You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.
I will be found by you, declares the Lord . . .”*

–Jeremiah 29:13-14a (ESV)

Jesus wants to be found by us!

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

–Revelation 3:20 (ESV)

2. Ibid, 174.

