

Amos Should Be Famous

(Amos 7:10-17)

- Introduction:
1. Amos was a sheep-breeder from Tekoa, a city in Judah.
 2. It was he, whom God called to go to Israel and prophesy against them.
 3. His message was a message of gloom and doom, but it was to be delivered during a time of great military success and materialism.
 4. As you can imagine, Amos became the target of hatred and condescending attacks.
 5. However, as I read about his situation, I cannot help but think of the similarities in where he found himself and where we find ourselves.
 6. If only, we handle things as well as him!
 7. This lesson will expose three traits he possessed and that we too, should possess.

I. Confidence in God's Word

- A. (Amos 7:10-16).
- B. Though ridiculed and disrespected, Amos did not second-guess himself.
- C. Amos was confident in the word of God, regardless of how it was received.
- D. (1 Peter 4:11; Matthew 24:35; John 10:35).

II. Courage to Speak God's Word

- A. (Amos 7:15-16).
- B. Amos, from the Southern kingdom, was told to go to the Northern kingdom and prophesy against them.
- C. Israel did not have a good track record for treating prophets of God well.
- D. He could not be silenced, though told not to speak.
- E. (Acts 4:20).

III. Candor to Speak God's Word as Revealed

- A. (Amos 7:17).
- B. The message Amos delivered was a hard message to deliver.
- C. It's one thing to speak in generalities, but God called him to speak specifically.
- D. Sometimes, we water down the gospel for fear of offending people, that it lacks the power to convict men of their sins.
- E. (Galatians 4:16).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, God has given all of us a candid message of doom if men do not repent.
 2. We cannot allow cowardice to silence; nor friendship to dull the pointed message we have been given.
 3. Into our hands, the gospel is given. May we have the confidence, courage, and candor of Amos!