

**SERMON NOTES**  
**August 29, 2010**  
**THE LION HAS ROARED**  
**“False Security in Religious Practices”**  
**Amos 5:1-17**

**Intro:** This section is best described as a \_\_\_\_\_  
Dirge.

**I. HEAR GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ (VV 1-3)**

- ❖ Israel’s prosperity was really \_\_\_\_\_  
attempting to make what was sick and dying look \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ All \_\_\_\_\_ was gone – nothing and no one could help her \_\_\_\_\_ up! “Fallen, no more to rise, is the virgin Israel.” (v.2)
- ❖ History would record the \_\_\_\_\_ invasion. The kingdom of Israel ceased to exist and has never been restored.
  - Some people were taken into exile.
  - Some people were slain.
  - Some were left to mingle with the Gentiles who were brought in to settle the land. (Result was a mixed race – \_\_\_\_\_ = Jew + Gentile)

**II. A TALE OF THREE \_\_\_\_\_ (VV. 4-5)**

- 1) Bethel - \_\_\_\_\_ instead of life  
...the \_\_\_\_\_ presence of the Lord.
- 2) Beersheba - \_\_\_\_\_ instead of  
companionship  
...the \_\_\_\_\_ companionship of the Lord.
- 3) Gilgal - \_\_\_\_\_ instead of  
inheritance  
... the proclamation of the \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ of the promised land  
according to God’s will.

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ THE LORD (vv. 1-5)**

What does it mean to “seek the Lord”?

- 1) Change our \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Change our \_\_\_\_\_

Why should we seek the Lord?

- 1) So we have life
- 2) So we have spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) So we \_\_\_\_\_ judgment

**IV. GOD MAKES A \_\_\_\_\_ (VV. 6-17)**

**Five marks of transformation (TRUE RELIGION):**

- 1) ...the transformed believer loves God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) ...the transformed believer practices self-submission within the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) ...the transformed believer has a new concern for God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ...the transformed believer demonstrated moral \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ...the transformed believer desires to achieve a righteous \_\_\_\_\_ order.

**HEAR GOD’S WORD! – Are you \_\_\_\_\_?**

**SEEK GOD! – Are you \_\_\_\_\_?**

**SEEK GOOD! – Do we hate that which is evil?**

**THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!**

**CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES – Week 7**

**BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”**

**Belief #7 - Humanity:** the belief that all people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Savior (John 3:16)

**PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”**

**Practice #7 - Investing our Time:** giving of our time to fulfill God’s purposes (Colossians 3:17)

**VIRTUE – “What We Expect to Be”**

**Virtue #7 - Kind/Good:** choosing to consistently do the right thing in our relationships with others (I Thessalonians 5:15)

**CALVARY COTTAGE COMMUNITY**

**Discussion:**

**Prayer Requests:**

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**Praises:**

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**Verse to memorize:**

**“AMOS: THE LION HAS ROARED”  
(A ten-part series from the prophet Amos)**

Amos is the first of the “writing” prophets. At the time of Amos’ writing, the nation of Israel (both North & South) was enjoying unprecedented prosperity and political stability. However, God was warning His people that significant change was on the horizon. We see the first use of “Day of the Lord” (re: God’s end time judgment) in the Book of Amos.

You might be surprised by the remarkable parallel between Amos’ day nearly 3000 years ago and what is happening today.

We will be teaching this timely series each Sunday morning during worship services. You are encouraged to join in an extended time of application of each Sunday’s message during Calvary Cottage Community (CCC) each week. If you are not currently involved in a CCC group, please become a participant. You may contact a facilitator (see the board on the south wall of the sanctuary) or Pastor Rick if you have questions.

- Week 1** Introduction to Amos and prophetic writings
- Week 2** “The Awesome God” 1:1-2
- Week 3** “The Sweep of God’s Judgment” 1:3-2:16
- Week 4** “The Justness of God’s Justice” Ch. 3
- Week 5** “Prepare to Meet Your God” Ch. 4
- Week 6** “False Security in Religious Practices” Ch. 5
- Week 7** “False Security in Military & Material Success” Ch.6
- Week 8** “Who Pulls the Strings? Who Speaks the Truth?” Ch. 7
- Week 9** “A Famine for the Word of God” Ch.8
- Week 10** “In Anger Remembering Mercy” Ch. 9