

Book of Amos – Chapters 7-9

1. Main message in the book of Amos...if you continue to sin, God is going to respond.
2. 3 Themes in the book of Amos.
 - i. Look around and see God's judgments...Amos 1-2
 - ii. Look within and see the corruption...Amos 3-6
 - iii. Look ahead and see the end coming...Amos 7-9
3. Chapters 7-9 deal with final 4 special visions of judgement that God gave to Amos.
 - i. His first vision was concerning locusts.
 - ii. The second vision is the judgement by fire.
 - iii. The third vision was one of a plumb line
 - iv. The fourth vision was one of a basket of ripe fruit.
4. In the final chapter of the book, the prophet Amos shares four affirmations from the heart of the Lord...3 that deal with judgment and the final one that deals with mercy.
5. His 3 judgments are I will strike, I will search and I will destroy.
6. But in God's judgments, He has mercy.
7. Some take away for us today:
 - i. Israel is special to God, but we are a part of that blessing of God through Jesus Christ.
 - ii. Because of unfaithfulness to God, there is coming a day when appeals for God's message of hope and guidance will bring only silence from God.
 - iii. Although God's judgments take place...we need to never lose hope that God will forget His people.
 - iv. Don't buy into the world's standards...make God's standards the one that you plumb your life by... His standards, His plumb line is obedience and faithfulness to Him.