



SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING

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Scripture: Amos

TITLE: Amos – Sin Problem < God Solution

This is a lot like our relationship with God. He loves His children unconditionally. But that unconditional love still requires a right relationship with Him. This is why we should read the book of Amos.

The Book of Amos was written by the prophet Amos. Amos was a shepherd and farmer turned prophet of God. Amos prophesied to the Jews of Israel in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. He prophesied around 760 B.C. Amos wrote this to remind Israel that sin separates us from God. Sin must be judged and forgiven before our relationship with Him can be restored.

In the book of Amos, we are reminded that all sin, regardless of who commits it, is offensive to God. God cannot simply dismiss sin. It must be judged. This is true for pagan nations and God's chosen people.

Can you find Jesus in the Book of Amos? We find the clearest anticipation of Jesus at the end of the book. The first 9 chapters contain the picture of the Divine judge. And then, at the end of chapter 9, we know that the same judge has the authority to restore His people. Jesus Christ is the righteous judge and savior.

What's the main thing from the Book of Amos? It's that sin is a real problem but not too big for God to handle. God hates sin. He cannot tolerate it. He is holy. The majority of the Book of Amos is about this. And then, in Amos 9:11-12 (CSB), Amos records this, *"In that day I will restore the fallen shelter of David: I will repair its gaps, restore its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name— this is the declaration of the LORD; he will do this."*

Friend, if you aren't enjoying an intimate relationship, it may be because of unconfessed sin. God is ready to forgive you when you're ready to repent. The relationship will be restored, and God can begin to rebuild what sin has torn down.

So here's my challenge for you today: search and confess. King David asked God to search his heart and expose any sin. We need to do that. As God's children, we are forgiven forever and always. And like any relationship, our sin can cause a breakdown in the relationship. So find it and confess it to God. When repentance is realized, the relationship is restored.

When God restores our relationship, we will win the day.