

# Not "If" but "When and how"

## Amos 9

What are things that, once \_\_\_\_\_, are guaranteed to \_\_\_\_\_?

Psalm 34:5

Given the certainty of our \_\_\_\_\_, how will we \_\_\_\_\_?

### The Setting

Amos: a prophet from 'the other side' (the \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ division in Israel

10 tribes in the north: \_\_\_\_\_

2 tribes in the south: \_\_\_\_\_

Israel believed \_\_\_\_\_ was the real problem

Peace and prosperity reinforced their \_\_\_\_\_ and complacency

Amos's message: God \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 4:20

"Sinful \_\_\_\_\_" Amos 9:8 → \_\_\_\_\_ injustice

General \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ supported the wealthy in staying wealthy and keeping the poor poor

### The people's response

Believed they didn't \_\_\_\_\_ God's wrath

Believed they could \_\_\_\_\_ God's wrath

Amos said, "There is no \_\_\_\_\_!"

### Amos 9

1-4: God's judgment is \_\_\_\_\_: "top to bottom" \_\_\_\_\_

Rather than God's people \_\_\_\_\_ His judgment by their special status...

Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of God \* 1 Peter 4:17

Yet prophecy of judgment is an invitation to \_\_\_\_\_

5-6: This God is The God over \_\_\_\_\_

Earth + Heavens + Sea = all of \_\_\_\_\_

No one and nothing can \_\_\_\_\_ Him

7-10: God is judge over all \_\_\_\_\_ & over every \_\_\_\_\_

Those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ to God will pay the price

God will \_\_\_\_\_ people. Illustrations from Jesus:

Wheat and \_\_\_\_\_ sorted at harvest

Fish are sorted when the \_\_\_\_\_ is pulled in

Thinking "I'm not in \_\_\_\_\_" is irrelevant

Self-righteousness (I'm right and the rest are wrong) is a great \_\_\_\_\_ before God!

One's confidence before God may be a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than an indication of one's high standing

11-15: God promises abundant \_\_\_\_\_ to all who \_\_\_\_\_ to the promised Son of David: Jesus Christ

This is God's invitation and intention for all \_\_\_\_\_

Not conquering but \_\_\_\_\_

Being fulfilled in the \_\_\_\_\_... Acts 15:13-17

Overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ of life

Abundant crops stand for God's amazing blessing in \_\_\_\_\_ of life

### The Big Idea:

All humanity and every human will one day encounter \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_ for those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ to God in Christ

and for overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ for those who do \_\_\_\_\_ to God in Christ

### 3 Phases of Life

\_\_\_\_\_ : exciting and a little tense

\_\_\_\_\_ : mixture of joys and sorrows

\_\_\_\_\_ God (\_\_\_\_\_): lots of mystery!

Once you are \_\_\_\_\_, avoiding \_\_\_\_\_ is not longer an option

### The secret of a good “\_\_\_\_\_”

The quality of the landing is largely determined long before the actual \_\_\_\_\_

Shaped by how you \_\_\_\_\_

### Submitting to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1) To the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

\_\_\_\_\_ plus denial, avoidance, ignorance, self-justification, blaming others, making excuses, ...

John 3:20

Submitting to God in Christ begins with “\_\_\_\_\_” (taking responsibility for) my own sin and \_\_\_\_\_ the wrath of God as just

#### 2) To the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ

John 1:29; Romans 3:23-24

Saved by \_\_\_\_\_ alone through \_\_\_\_\_ alone in \_\_\_\_\_ alone

#### 3) To the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ

1 John 5:3-4; Matthew 28:20

The people of Israel tried to \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Not \_\_\_\_\_!

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and return to \_\_\_\_\_

are essential and ongoing activities

in submission to God in Christ

### For Christ's Church:

We will \_\_\_\_\_ across differences, and recognize and correct broken \_\_\_\_\_, for these are essential to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

So we will continue the journey of confession, repentance, and return to obedience regarding sinful \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ injustice, and failure to love across \_\_\_\_\_ for as long as we exist as a church

### Our Hope!

#### God is at work as His people join His work

\_\_\_\_\_ to His holy standard

\_\_\_\_\_ in the grace of God in Christ

\_\_\_\_\_ the commands of God in Christ

#### Brings overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ of life

1 Corinthians 2:9

### Reflection Questions

- Where in life is “self righteousness” before God (thinking that you are right and the rest are wrong) most tempting to you?
- Consider the three areas for submission to God in Christ: to His holy standard, to the grace of God in Christ, to the authority of God in Christ. How would you explain these three areas? What are examples?
- In what ways are we, like Israel in Amos's day, tempted to skip or deny the authority of God in our lives as Christians? Why?
- It seems that the people in Amos's day had an (intentional) blind spot regarding their general systems and behaviors that perpetuated injustice in Israel. Where might that be true in our own lives today?