

# Profiles In Courage: Amos

"Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob,' declares the Lord God, the God of hosts." Amos 3:13 (English Standard Version)

We claim to value free \_\_\_\_\_; but will it be \_\_\_\_\_ to speak?

## Opposition To The Message From God

### A. Background to Amos' prophecy:

1. 1:1 - He was among the \_\_\_\_\_ of Tekoah.
2. 2 Kings 14:23-26 - The \_\_\_\_\_ to whom Amos spoke "did what was \_\_\_\_\_", though it was a time of \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. A royal attempt to suppress Amos' message:

1. 7:10,11 - Amaziah accuses Amos of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 7:12,13 - He tells Amos to \_\_\_\_\_ to Judah and never again \_\_\_\_\_ at Bethel.
3. 7:14,15 - Amos was speaking by the command of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Why Amos Needed Courage To Speak God's Word

### A. **Amos spoke when all seemed to be going well:**

1. 6:1 - The people enjoyed lives of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jeremiah 6:13,14 - They tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the wound of the people by speaking of \_\_\_\_\_, when there was \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. **Amos spoke clearly about the sins of the people:**

1. 2:6-8 - They were guilty of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 3:10 - "They do not \_\_\_\_\_ how to do \_\_\_\_\_."
3. 5:24 - Justice and \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ in the land.
4. John 3:19,20 - Does anyone \_\_\_\_\_ to be told that their \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_?

### C. **Amos spoke against their futile religious practices:**

1. 2:10-12 - They thwarted the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 5:10 - They \_\_\_\_\_ the one who speaks the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 5:21,22 - God \_\_\_\_\_ their feasts, would not \_\_\_\_\_ their offerings.

### D. **Amos spoke of punishment for their sins:**

1. 3:10-12 - God would bring \_\_\_\_\_ their defenses, and would leave only a \_\_\_\_\_ of the people.
2. 5:18,19 - There would be no \_\_\_\_\_ from God's \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 4:10,11a - To be a good \_\_\_\_\_ of God's varied \_\_\_\_\_, we must \_\_\_\_\_ His message just as He gives it.

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