

The Book of AMOS

**NOT for two, for three, for four?
Punishment is at your door!
Fire, shouting, tempest, sword,
For three transgressions and for four!**

AMOS 1

¹The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, son of Joash, king of Israel,

two years before the earthquake.

²And he said, "The Lord roars from Zion, and utters His voice from Jerusalem.

The pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers."

³Thus says the Lord,

"For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,

I will not turn its punishment away, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron.

⁴But in the house of Hazael I will send a fire, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

⁵"I will also break the gate bar of Damascus, and I will cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven,

and he who holds the sceptre from Beth Eden. The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir," says the Lord.

⁶Thus says the Lord God,

"For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn its punishment away, because they took captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom.

⁷"But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces.

⁸"And I will cut off the inhabitants of Ashdod, and he who holds the sceptre from Ashkelon; I will turn My hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish," says the Lord God.

⁹Thus says the Lord, "For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they delivered up the whole captivity of Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.

¹⁰But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, which shall devour its palaces."

¹¹Thus says the Lord,

"For three transgressions of Edom, and for four,

I will not turn away its punishment,

because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity.

His anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever.

¹²But I will send fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah."

¹³Thus says the Lord:

"For three transgressions of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead,

that they might enlarge their territory.

¹⁴"But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour its palaces, amid shouting in the battle day, and a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.

¹⁵"Their king shall go into captivity, both he and his princes together," says the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. If the Lord roars in judging His people, He will roar against you for transgressions against His people.*
- 2. Never be happy to be given a hand in the punishment of the people of God, it places you under heaven's scrutiny. If the Lord sells His people to you and you thresh them with iron, the Lord will answer you with fire.*
- 3. Never sell the people of God publicly or judgmentally even if the Lord appears to reject them; He rejects them for correction, He destroys you for interference.*
- 4. The faults in others you expose to man are the faults in you exposed to God.*
- 5. If you pursue a fallen, broken Christian with the sword of your tongue, refuse them pity, or get angry with them, the fire of the Lord will answer the fire of your anger.*
- 6. Cannot rip the people of God with your tongue to enlarge or expand your influence; the Lord will rip you apart in His anger.*
- 7. Three transgressions invite a response from the Lord, four command it; yet one sacrifice erases it.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, forgive every person who has ever criticized, lambasted or persecuted Your people. Amen.
- Loving God, give us a merciful spirit so we too may obtain mercy. Amen.
- My King and my God, I refuse to use Your people's faults or failures as an opportunity to debase them, but instead as an opportunity to hold them up, in the name of Jesus.
- I refuse every invitation to gossip about or criticize the people of God. I refuse to fight in the arena of God's wrath. Amen.
- Thank You, Father, for defending us even when

we fail You; thank You for judging our enemies on our behalf. Amen.

**I AM pressed under you,
As a cart is pressed that is full of goods!
I brought you out of Egypt,
Oh, how I would love to do you good!
I gave you prophets and Nazirites,
But you commanded them not to prophesy
the truth.
Oh, what great things I would love to do,
But I am pressed under you!**

AMOS 2

¹Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Moab, and for four,

I will not turn its punishment away, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

²“I will send fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth. Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting and with the sound of trumpet.

³“I will cut off the judges from his midst, and slay his princes with him,” says the Lord.

⁴“For three transgressions, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment of Judah: because they have despised the law of God, and His commandments they have not kept. Lies caused them to err after the way their fathers have walked.

⁵I will send a fire upon Judah; it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.”

⁶Thus says the Lord, “For three transgressions of Israel, and for four I will not turn away its punishment: because they sell the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes.

⁷“They pant after the dust of the earth, which is on the head of the poor, and they pervert the way of the meek. A man and his father go in to the same woman, to defile My holy name.

⁸“And they lay themselves down by every altar on clothes taken in pledge, and drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

⁹“Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of cedars, and he was strong, as strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots from beneath.

¹⁰“It was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

¹¹“I raised some of your sons as prophets, and some of your young men as Nazirites. Is it not so, O you children of Israel?” says the Lord.

¹²“But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and you commanded the prophets, saying,

“Do not prophesy!”

¹³“Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

¹⁴“Therefore flight shall perish from the swift, the strong shall not strengthen his power, nor shall the mighty deliver himself.

¹⁵“He who handles the bow shall not stand.

The swift of foot shall not escape, nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself.

¹⁶“The most courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked that day,” says the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Wickedness of heart and raging fury causes God to respond. He answers tumult with tumult.*
2. *A holy people must represent the holy name by which they are called, or heaven will call them to account for misrepresentation.*
3. *It is not acceptable to worship devils, persecute the righteous or practice immorality, you will not anticipate or be able to accept heaven's response.*
4. *Never take the good start God has given you to pursue a carnal finish; let God's goodness regulate your godliness.*
5. *To block the word of God is to corrupt your blessings, block your heavens, and open a highway to judgment.*
6. *God's grace extended to you is like a cart full of goodness and blessings but weighed down and prevented by your sin.*
7. *To frustrate the Lord, is to frustrate your cause and your strength and to have all your virtues removed.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Omnipotent Father, I will give You reason to answer my righteousness. I refuse to be furious against Your people. Amen.
- By the power of the Holy Spirit, I will live a holy life that will give You glory my Father, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Father, I will pursue You single-heartedly. My heart is fixed; it shall never be moved. Amen.
- Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from You; I will show my gratitude to You by using all the good things in my life to honor You. Amen.
- I refuse to be a terror to my own heavens; I refuse to block my own answers from heaven; I will be tender-hearted to the word of God. Amen.
- Let every opposing spirit in me that seeks to frustrate Your goodness and loving-kindness towards me, be dispelled by the blood of Jesus. Amen.

CAN two walk together

Except they agree?

Will a lion roar in the forest

If he has no prey?

Will a bird fall into a snare if no bait is set?

Surely the Lord will do nothing

Except He tells it to the prophets!

AMOS 3

¹“Hear the word that the Lord has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up from the land of Egypt.

²"I have known you alone of all the families of the earth, therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

³Can two walk together unless they agree?

⁴Will a lion roar in the forest when he has no prey?

Will a young lion cry out of his den if he has caught nothing?

⁵Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth where no trap is set for it?

Will one take up a snare up from the earth if there is nothing in it?

⁶If a trumpet is blown in a city, will the people not be afraid?

If there is disaster in a city, will not the Lord have done it?

⁷Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants, the prophets.

⁸A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken, who can but prophesy?

⁹"Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say:

'Assemble on the mountains of Samaria. See great tumults in her midst, and the oppressed within her,

¹⁰for they do not know to do right,' says the Lord,

'they store up violence and robbery in their places.'

¹¹Therefore thus says the Lord God, "An adversary shall be all around the land; he shall bring down your strength, and plunder your palaces."

¹²Thus says the Lord:

"As the shepherd takes from the lion's mouth two legs or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Israel be taken out who dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

¹³Hear and testify against the house of Jacob, Thus says the Lord God, the God of hosts, "In the day and at the time

¹⁴I punish Israel for their transgressions. I will also visit destruction on the altars of Bethel.

The horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground.

¹⁵"I will destroy the winter house along with the summer house.

The houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end," says the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *To be the only one God knows in the earth is special; to be called, separated, set apart, His peculiar treasure, the ecclesia is personal; let this cause you to tremble before Him.*
2. *Singled out by God means it gets personal, both your righteousness and your sins. Singled out for greatness singles you out for correction and*

judgment.

3. *Two cannot walk together unless they agree; agree with God's righteous laws for He will never agree with your sins.*
4. *Without agreement two walking together are not one but 'di' two: divided, divorced, they differ, disagree and divert.*
5. *Togetherness springs from the spirit not the physical presence; you may be present in person but absent in spirit and togetherness; God is a spirit, unless your spirit is united with His You may be in church but divorced and divergent from Him.*
6. *You can know who you are walking with by the one whose ways, principles and standards you follow; the one whose voice you listen to; your friend's, the devil's or God's.*
7. *There is call and response, there is cause and effect; live consciously of the call you send to heaven by your thoughts, actions and lifestyle; for heaven will respond.*
8. *God does nothing without prophetic revelation, He does everything He reveals.*
9. *It cannot be right, rather something is desperately wrong when the people of God digress to the place where they do not know how to do right.*
10. *If you court judgment you will marry disaster; it may seem delayed but it cannot be divorced, it is coming.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Thank You O God, my Father, for knowing me, for calling me a peculiar treasure to You, made with fear and wonderful awe. Thank You for treating me as unique, the only one. Amen.
- I will live a righteous life in the fear of God; I refuse to be singled out for judgment. Amen.
- Amazing God, all Your laws are righteous, perfect and good. I agree with every word You have spoken and I will walk in honor of them. Amen.
- Eternal Father, You can be trusted with Your word. I will hear and observe every decree in Your word because You will surely perform them. Amen.
- Loving Father, have mercy on the church and the many today who have forgotten how to do right; who have walked away from the fear of the Lord and from their zeal for Your word; who change Your righteous statutes to please their flesh. Amen.

WHAT will make men learn? What will make men turn?

What will make men return to the Lord?

"I gave you cleanness of teeth;

Lack of bread, nothing to eat;

Brought you pestilence and sword;

Made the stench of your camp fill your nose;

Yet you have not returned to Me and come.

You have not made right all of your wrong! Because you have not, oh, that you had, Now prepare to meet your God!"

AMOS 4

¹Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountains of Samaria; who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, you who to your husbands say, "Bring wine, let us drink!"

²The Lord has sworn by His holiness:
 “Behold the days shall come upon you
 when with fishhooks He shall take you away,
 and your posterity with you.

³And at the breaches in the walls you will go
 out,
 each one straight ahead of her,
 and you will be cast into Harmon,” says the
 Lord.

⁴“Go to Bethel and transgress;
 multiply transgression at Gilgal;
 every morning bring your sacrifices,
 and every three days bring your tithes.

⁵“Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven,
 and proclaim and announce the freewill offer-
 ing;
 for this you love, O children of Israel,” says the
 Lord God.

⁶“Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your
 cities,
 and lack of bread in all your places;
 yet you have not returned to Me,” says the
 Lord.

⁷“Though I withheld the rain from you,
 when there were still three months to the har-
 vest.

I caused it to rain on one city, but not the
 other.

One part was rained upon and it flourished,
 and where it did not rain that part withered.

⁸So two or three cities wandered to another
 city to drink water,
 but they were not satisfied.

Yet you have not returned to Me,” says the
 Lord.

⁹“I smote you with blight and mildew.

When your gardens, your vineyards, your fig
 trees, and your olive trees increased,
 the locust devoured them;

yet you have not returned to Me,” says the
 Lord.

¹⁰“I set among you a plague after the manner
 of Egypt;

I slew your young men with a sword,
 and your horses I have taken away.

I made the stench of your camps to come up
 into your nostrils;

yet you have not returned to Me,” says the
 Lord God.

¹¹“I overthrew some of you,

as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
 and you were like a firebrand plucked from
 the fire,

yet you have not returned to Me,” says the
 Lord.

¹²“Therefore, O Israel, I will do this to you:
 and because I will do this to you,
 O Israel, prepare to meet your God!”

¹³For behold, He who forms the mountains,
 and creates the wind,
 who declares to man what is in His thoughts,
 and makes the morning darkness,
 who treads the high places of the earth;
 the Lord God of hosts is His name.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The poor and the needy are God's measuring stick of how He receives you; be careful how you treat them; be fearful not to mistreat them; be diligent to receive them.*
2. *Never boast in your good deed if you cannot boast a good relationship with God.*
3. *Never boast in your good offering if you cannot boast a good life; God will never receive your offering if He cannot receive you.*
4. *Your offering to God and your idolatry is contradictory; God cannot ignore one and receive the other.*
5. *Perhaps your problems, your punishment, your closed heaven is a nudge from God to remember your relationship with Him and pay attention.*
6. *God will never let you go without rescue; the storms in your life is an attempt to turn you back from total disaster; return to your God.*
7. *Prepare your heart to serve God or prepare yourself to meet your God.*
8. *There is only One who forms mountains, creates the wind, declares to man His thoughts, and makes the morning darkness; get to know His name, rather, get to know Him.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving and compassionate God, stir compassion for the poor and needy in the hearts of the people of this generation, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, I desire to know You and to make You known; to shine my light so others may see my good works and glorify You. Amen.
- Omnipresent and all-knowing God, let my love for You inspire my sacrifices and offering to You. I want You to receive me. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, search me and know my heart, convict me of anything in me that weakens my faith, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, let Your loving arms extended to rescue men from disaster and shame be received by complete surrender, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father and my God, I will meet You at the place of Your approval and reward, and not at the place of judgment. Amen.

**DO not seek Bethel but do as Jacob did;
 Seek the Lord that you may live!**

**Do not seek the safety of your own
 strength;**

You may meet a bear or a serpent.

Seek Him who made the seven stars,

Who turns the shadow of death to morn,

Who with night makes the day dark,

Who fills the sea, yes, seek the Lord!

AMOS 5

¹Hear the word which I take up against you,
 a lamentation, O house of Israel:

²the virgin of Israel has fallen; she will rise no
 more.

She lies forsaken on her land; there is no one
 to raise her up.

³For thus says the Lord God,

“The city that goes out by a thousand,
 shall have a hundred left.

The city which goes out by a hundred,
 shall have ten left to the house of Israel.”

⁴For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel:

⁵“Seek Me and live!

Do not seek Bethel nor enter Gilgal,
nor pass over to Beersheba;
for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,
but Bethel shall come to nothing.”

⁶Seek the Lord that you may live,
lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and devour it with no one in Bethel to quench
or put it out.

⁷You who turn justice to wormwood
and forsake righteousness in the earth,

⁸seek Him who made Orion and the seven
stars

and turns the shadow of death into morn,
and as night makes the day dark,
for the waters of the sea He calls,
and pours them out on the face of the earth;
seek Him; His name is the Lord.

⁹Who rains ruin upon the strong
so that fury comes upon fortresses.

¹⁰They hate the one who rebukes in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.

¹¹Therefore, because you tread on the poor,
and you take from him taxes of wheat,
though you have built houses of hewn stone
yet you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink wine from them.

¹²For I know your many transgressions and
your mighty sins:

you afflict the just, and take bribes;
diverting the poor from justice at the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent keep silent at that
time, for it is a time of evil.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live.
So the Lord God of hosts will be with you,
as you have spoken.

¹⁵Hate evil, love good;
establish justice in the gate.

It may be that the Lord God of hosts
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

¹⁶Therefore the Lord God of hosts says this,
“Wailing shall be in the streets,
and they shall say in all the highways, ‘Alas!
Alas!’

They shall call the farmer to mourning,
the skilful lamenters to wailing.

¹⁷There shall be wailing in all vineyards,
for I will pass through you,” says the Lord.

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
For what good is the day of the Lord to you?
It will be darkness and not light.

¹⁹It will be as though a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him!

Or as though he went into the house, leaned
his hand on the wall and a serpent bit him!

²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness and not
light?

Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?

²¹“I despise your feast days,
and I have no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²“Though you offer Me burnt offerings and
your grain offerings,
I will neither smell them nor accept them;
nor will I regard your peace offerings.

²³“Take away from Me the noise of your songs,
for I will not hear the melody of your stringed
instruments,

²⁴“but let justice run down like water,
and righteousness like a mighty stream.

²⁵Did you offer Me sacrifice and offerings,
in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

²⁶“You also call Sikkuth your king,
and Chiun, your idols, the star of your gods,
which you made for yourselves.

²⁷Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond
Damascus,” says the Lord whose name
is the God of hosts.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. When you diminish your God to idols, He diminishes you beyond recognition.
2. You must always remember to seek the Lord that you may live but it is better if you live to seek the Lord.
3. You ground and defeat your strongest defence when you cast righteousness to the ground.
4. *Understand the strength of the one you oppose and surrender readily or be shredded.*
5. *If you are not prepared to face the wrath of God be careful of the sins you do before the face of God.*
6. *Righteousness is to do good with passion and to hate evil with passion, or rather, repulsion.*
7. *The God who knows you also knows your sin; apply the blood everyday to eliminate your sins from His picture of you.*
8. *Never court the day of the Lord when you do not know the way of the Lord, for cannot endure a moment of the day of the Lord.*
9. *Come at the Lord while you have time and make Him your escape for there is no escape in the day of the Lord; the method may be varied but there is no escape however much you run, the end is determined.*
10. *Lifestyle is the foreplay for worship rituals; God will only accept your religious ceremonies if He accepts your lifestyle.*
11. *If you do not enjoy the Lord and your life does not delight the Lord, your singing and worship with annoy the Lord.*
12. *Justice and righteousness should run from your life like the natural flow of gushing water; you should be so soaked and saturated in Him and there is no containing, He simply overwhelms you and gushes from you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, I thank You that You see, You hear, You have feelings, You can be touched by our infirmities, You are relevant; You are not some cold image manipulated by the devil to make men deluded. Amen.
- Lover of my soul, in You I live and move and find myself, I will seek You like a baby seeks its mother’s breast. Amen.
- I will love and embrace knowledge. I will be a word addict, in the name of Jesus.
- I soak myself in the blood of Jesus Christ for the cleansing of my body, soul and spirit today, in

the name of Jesus.

- My King and my God, I hate evil with every fiber of my being, but I love Your laws. Amen.
- Omnipresent Father, let my life be pleasing in Your sight. Amen.

WOE to those who are at ease in Zion,
Who trust in Samaria's mountain peaks!

**You who put far away the evil day
And cause the seat of violence to come
your way,**

**Who lie in a bed of ivory
And chant as if there is no captivity,
Woe, for the day is at your door
When you shall call on the name of the
Lord no more!**

AMOS 6

¹Woe to you who are at ease in Zion and trust in the mountain of Samaria, notable persons in the chief of nation, to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass unto Calneh and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms?

Is their territory greater than your territory?

³Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, who cause the seat of violence to come near to you,

⁴who lie on beds of ivory, and stretch yourselves on your couches, who eat lambs from the flocks and calves from the midst of the stall; ⁵who chant to the sound of the stringed instruments, and invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;

⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint yourselves with the best ointments,

but are not grieved for Joseph's affliction.

⁷Therefore, they shall now be captives as the first of the captives.

Those who recline at the banquets shall be removed.

⁸The Lord God has sworn by Himself.

The Lord God of hosts says, "The pride of Jacob, I abhor, and I hate his palaces, therefore I will deliver up the city and all that is in it."

⁹Then it shall come to pass, that if ten men remain in one house, they shall die.

¹⁰And when the uncle of the dead with one who burns the bodies, picks up the bodies to take them out of the house,

he will say to one inside the house,

"Is there any more with you?"

Then the reply will be "None."

Then he will say, "Hold your tongue, say not a word,

for we dare not make mention of the name of

the Lord."

¹¹For behold, the Lord gives a command: He will break the great house into bits, and the little house into pieces.

¹²Do horses run on rocks?

Does one plough there with oxen?

Yet you have turned justice into bitter gall and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood.

¹³You who rejoice over a barren thing, who say, "Have we not taken horns for ourselves by our strength?"

¹⁴"But, behold, I will raise up a nation against you, O house of Israel,"

says the Lord God of hosts;

"and they will afflict you from the entering of Hamath, to the River of the wilderness!"

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Never be at ease in any place, position or office if your relationship with God is 'dis-eased'.*
2. *Complacency is the platform for unpleasant shocks; never get carried away with sin or it will carry you away from reality.*
3. *Work your relationships or you will work to regain it, or work in futility because of the lack of it.*
4. *It has happened to them means it can happen to you, grieve for them and avoid the traps they fell into.*
5. *Call on the name of the Lord before the day comes where you do not dare to even mention it.*
6. *Injustice may seem good to you but it is bitter and unpalatable to God; His natural reaction of repulsion will go to the root of the injustice and uproot you.*
7. *Righteousness and justice will preserve you and make you better; but it will uproot you if you turn it bitter.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father, my relationship with You is my priority. Let the power in the blood of Jesus heal and restore every broken area in my relationship with You. Amen.
- I refuse to be complacent because of my salvation or my church; I will seek You daily Lord Jesus and I will watch prayerfully as You commanded. Amen.
- Thank You for the many examples in the Bible and around me of the disastrous consequences of sin; help me to observe with fear and to give heed, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, I will make mention of Your name in my daily conversations, and I will call upon Your name every day. Amen.
- My heart loves righteousness, justice and every good thing; I hate wickedness and evil, in the name of Jesus.

IWAS a herdsman and no prophet,
**And I gathered the sycamore fruit;
From this the Lord took me
And gave me work to do!
I will fear for the people,
But I will fear no man!
I will fear the wrath of the One
Who has the plumbline in His hand!**

¹Thus the Lord God showed me: behold, He formed swarming locust at the beginning of the late crop; indeed it was the late crop after the king's mowing.

²And it came to pass, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said:

"O Lord God, forgive, I pray!
Oh, that Jacob may stand, for he is small!"

³So the Lord relented concerning this.

"It shall not be," said the Lord.

⁴Thus the Lord showed me: behold, the Lord God calls for conflict by fire, and it consumed the great deep, and devoured the territory.

⁵Then I said, "O Lord God, cease, I pray!
Oh, that Jacob may rise, for he is small!"

⁶So the Lord relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," said the Lord God.

The Lord will show you what He will do so you can intelligently intercede.

It saved Israel from pestilence and fire.

The Lord said, "This shall not be."

⁷But then He showed me:

behold, the Lord stood on a wall made with a measuring line, and He held a measuring line in His hand.

⁸And the Lord said to me,

"Amos, what do you see?"

And I said, "I see a measuring line."

Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I will set a measuring line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore.

⁹The high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.

I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam, king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel.

The land is not able to bear his words.

¹¹"For Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive from their own land.'"

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos,

"Go you seer!

Flee to the land of Judah.

Eat bread and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy in Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is the royal residence."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah,

"I was no prophet, nor was I the son of a prophet, but I was a sheep herder, and a tender of the sycamore fruit.

¹⁵Then the Lord took me as I followed the flocks, and the Lord said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'

¹⁶"Now therefore, hear the word of the Lord: you say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,

and do not drop your word against the house of Isaac.'

¹⁷"Therefore says the Lord:

Your wife shall be a harlot in the city; your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword.

By the survey line your land shall be divided.

You shall die in a land that is defiled and Israel shall surely be led away captive from his own land."

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. God will reveal to you what He intends to do if He can trust you to intercede.*
- 2. Intercession must be ongoing if sin is going on in your nation; arm yourself with righteousness, it is the power with God to intercede.*
- 3. They sin oblivious to the judgment they have escaped from because of your intercession. If the effect does not correspond with the cause then, do not be presumptuous, it has been deflected.*
- 4. Intercession will save from the wrath intended until the measuring line of God is extended; until grace is withdrawn and judgment is deterred no more.*
- 5. It is out of place for man to dictate the place of your proclamation if they did not place the words you proclaim in your mouth. They should not direct your prophecy you if they did not dictate your prophecy.*
- 6. Your opposition to the word of God will be your proposition for a personal prophecy you cannot reject or oppose.*
- 7. Be careful to make your calling and election sure; if you know the depths of sin you have been called from, you will incessantly proclaim the goodness of God you have been called to.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, help me to hear Your heart for my people and my nation and to trumpet Your heart on their behalf as I stand in the gap. Amen.
- Let the grace, the power, and the blessings of an intercessor fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
- Let the fear of the living God fall upon sinners, retrofit their knees with trembling and let them wake up to realize the grace that has sustained them in the place of their presumption. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I refuse to be silenced by man or demons; I will obey the Lord and honor Him. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, I will proclaim Your grace without ceasing, like a person who has escaped from hell and wants others to stay away. Amen.

A BASKET of summer fruit, for the end is

Howling in the day, shall replace the temple songs!

A famine, O, what a famine!

What are you craving and thirsting for?

**No, not for bread and water,
But for the word of the Lord!**

AMOS 8

¹This is what the Lord God showed to me: behold, a basket of summer fruits.

²And He said to me, "What do you see, Amos?"

So I said, "A basket of summer fruits."

Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon My people Israel.

I will not pass by them anymore.

³"And the songs of the temple shall be wailing in that day," says the Lord God.

"There shall be many dead bodies everywhere. They shall be thrown out in silence."

⁴Hear this, you who swallow up the needy and make the poor of the land fail,

⁵saying: "When will the New Moon be gone, that we may sell our grain?"

And the Sabbath, that we may trade wheat?

Making the ephah small and the shekel great, falsifying the scales by deceit,

⁶"that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and also sell the bad wheat once more?"

⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob,

"Surely I will never forget any of their works.

⁸"Shall not the land tremble for this, and everyone who dwells in it mourn?

All of it shall rise like the River, it shall rise up and subside like the River of Egypt.

⁹And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord God,

"that I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰"I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on every waist, and baldness on every head;

and I will make it like mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day."

¹¹"Behold the days are coming," says the Lord God,

"that I will send a famine on the land.

Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

¹²"They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east.

They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but shall not find it.

¹³"In that day the fair virgins and strong young men shall faint for thirst.

¹⁴Those who swear by the sin of Samaria,

who say, 'As your God lives, O Dan!'

And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!'

They shall fall and never rise again."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Grace is the best friend of sinners; but grace dries up when the fruits of sin are fully ripe. The fruits are slowly ripening.*
2. *The songs of the temple are as wailing in a land of wickedness, but the people will not hear their own tears until God turns His ears away.*
3. *Patience in the presence of God makes God patient with you, impatience makes Him consider your motive.*
4. *Give your Lord something to remember and not your sins, because your sins attract His atten-*

tion for judgment.

5. *Hunger and thirst for the word of the Lord now and it will be profuse, or you will become starved of it when it is refused.*
6. *You will never know the value of the word of the Lord until it is withdrawn; you will never accept the value of the presence of the Lord until He withdraws Himself.*
7. *This is the time to search for the word of God, to search the word of God with passionate hunger and to let the word of God search you for the Word is pressing and persistent, but not always present.*
8. *Never take comfort in your rising from your many falls; it is presumption on the road to your fall never to rise again; take comfort in your rising above your faults and failures, never to fall again.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, let this generation wake up to the fact that their fruits are ripening and the time of judgment is very close. Amen.
- My Father, my God, I love Your presence more than life itself; help me never to be in a hurry to leave my place of prayer and worship. Amen.
- All-powerful God, let my righteousness appeal to You, and let every wicked way in me be purged away by the blood of Jesus. Amen.
- I hunger and thirst for Your word, O Lord; I love Your word more than my necessary food. Give me fresh revelations in Your word daily. I will not be denied. Amen.
- I come to the foot of the cross to be strengthened in all my areas of weaknesses. I refuse to live in sin or presumption; I refuse to embrace iniquity; I refuse to confuse grace with maturity, in the name of Jesus.

**DIG in to hell, climb up to heaven,
Hide away in Carmel's top,
Go to the bottom of the sea;
The Lord shall find you and bring you up!
When the ploughman overtakes the reaper,
And the mountains drop sweet wine,
Find refuge in Him who plants you;
He is the only sure place to hide!**

AMOS 9

¹I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and He said,

"Strike the doorposts that the thresholds may shake,

and break them on the heads of everyone.

I will slay all of them with the sword.

He who flees from them shall not get away, and he who escapes from them shall not be delivered.

²"Though they dig into hell, from there My hand shall take them.

Though they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down.

³Though they hide themselves on top of Mount Carmel,

from there I will search and take them.

Though they hide from My sight at the bottom of the sea,

from there I will command the serpents, and it shall bite them.

⁴Though they go into captivity before their enemies,
from there I will command the sword,
and it shall slay them.
I will set My eyes on them for harm and not
for good.”

⁵The Lord God of hosts,
He who touches the earth and it melts,
and all who dwell there mourn;
all of it shall rise like the River;
and subside like the River of Egypt.

⁶He who builds His stories in the sky,
and has founded His troops in the earth.
He who calls for the waters of the sea,
and pours them out on the face of the earth;
the Lord is His name.

⁷“Are you not like the Ethiopians to Me,
O children of Israel?” says the Lord.
“Did I not bring up Israel from the land of
Egypt,
the Philistines from Caphtor,
and the Syrians from Kir?”

⁸“Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are on the
sinful kingdom,
and I will destroy it from the face of the earth.
Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Ja-
cob,” says the Lord.

⁹“For I will command, and I will sift the house
of Israel among all nations,
as grain is sifted in a sieve;
yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the
ground.

¹⁰“All the sinners of My people shall die by the
sword,
who say, ‘Disaster shall not overtake nor pre-
vent us.’”

¹¹“On that day I will raise again the tabernacle
of David which has fallen down,
and repair its damages.

I will raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the
days of old,

¹²“that they may possess the remnant of
Edom,

and all the Gentiles who are called by My
name,” says the Lord who is doing this.

¹³“Behold the days are coming,” says the Lord,
“when the plowmen shall overtake the reaper,
and the treader of grapes him who sows seed.
The mountain shall drip with sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.

¹⁴“I will bring back the captives of My people
Israel.

They shall build the waste cities and inhabit
them.

They shall plant vineyards and drink the wine
from them.

They shall also make gardens and eat the fruit
from them.

¹⁵“I will plant them in their land,
and they shall be pulled up no more from the
land I have given them,” says the Lord your
God.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The altar of mercy where you find God will become the altar of judgment where He will stand against you and find you wherever you run.*
2. *Escape into the arms of the Lord because there is no escape from His mighty arm; wherever you run He is already there ahead of you.*
3. *Make the Lord your hiding place because there is no place to hide from Him; make Him your strong refuge because He has final command in every other place of refuge.*
4. *If God is so present, why is He so hard to find for so many?*
5. *The depths of the earth is not further from God than the heights of the heavens; this is good news for those seeking God, and bad news for every Jonah seeking to escape.*
6. *The God who positions you for destiny also brought up and positioned your enemies; there are no real victories without enemies.*
7. *The enemy in your land exposes the enemy in your heart which is the only true enemy of your relationship with God.*
8. *God will sift you for righteousness so He may show to you the extent of His graciousness. If He cannot get righteousness out of you He will get you out to get it.*
9. *The Lord is looking for seeds of righteousness to plant in the place of permanence in His presence.*
10. *God wants blessings to overtake you, not for you to overtake your blessings.*
11. *You are never too broken to be repaired or too ruined to be raised up and rebuilt if you are submitted to the loving hands of God.*
12. *Through all the drama God tolerates with His people, His intention is a peaceful, prosperous, successful end with Him and in Him.*
13. *Abundance is defined when you do not have hands to reap it, storehouses to put it, or time to gather it before seasons change for the cycle to begin again.*
14. *The anointing of God will be so sweet on the mountain of God and so rich that the mountain will drip with it; it will be the convergence of all the gathering of God’s people across the earth.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving and merciful Father, I will run to You for safety. I refuse to make You my enemy. Amen.
- Omnipresent God, I live for Your presence; I am happy to be on Your side. Let those who stand against You receive wisdom and common-sense now, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, I thank You for every enemy and every challenge positioned to keep me focused on Your strength in me. Amen.
- I refuse to crumble at the feet of hopelessness and defeat; I will be refined and ready to be planted in the presence of God, never to be rooted out again. Amen.
- Good Father, let Your blessings pursue and overtake me; I am a candidate for the overflow, in the name of Jesus.
- Almighty Creator and potter of this clay house I live in; I am a candidate to be rebuilt, to be repaired, and to be raised up by Your gentle, kind, loving and compassionate hand. Amen.