

*The Consequences of Wasting God's Grace*

Amos 2:16-3:15

REVIEW:

- Shepherd of Tekoa
- Sent to Northern Kingdom 30 years before the Assyrian Captivity
- Israel at it's peak of political power
- Depravity and corruption
- The judgments begin with Israel's **enemies**, then **Judah**, then **Israel**

3:6 The same indictment (*"for three sins, even for 4..)*

But the CHARGES against Israel are more numerous!

1. Financial oppression. 2:6
2. Injustice. 2:7a
3. Immorality. 2:7b
4. False religion. 2:8
5. **Arrogance.** *"Nothing will happen to us!"*
  - a. The Lord delivered Israel from the Amorites. 2:9 (See Numbers 21:23-26)
  - b. The Lord delivered them from Egypt. 2:10
  - c. The Lord raised up judges. 2:11
  - d. **But Israel violated God's blessings. 2:12**
  - e. Now, judgment will come. 2:13-16

1. The Consequences of Wasting God's Grace.
  - a. Judgment is certain because they were God's people. Amos 3:1-2
    - i. (Luke 12:48) *"...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."*
    - ii. Matthew 11:20-24. Judgment on the cities of Galilee
      - (1) Chorazin - possible location of the sermon on the Mount
      - (2) Bethsaida -
        - (a) Blind man healed there. Mark 8:22-26
        - (b) Location of the feeding of the 5,000. Matthew 14:13
      - (3) PRINCIPLE: FBC has been given much!
2. The Certainty of Judgment. 3:3-8
  - a. **Do not doubt God's judgment!**
    - i. Amos 3:3. *"Walking together"* assumes agreement on location, destination, speed of travel, stopping points. *"God asks how He can walk with Israel and look in favor upon her when she is walking in*



- ii. It will be almost total devastation (3:12).
- iii. Your worship will be ended (3:14).
- iv. Your wealth will be stripped. 3:15

4. APPLICATION: Recent lessons.....

- a. We do not live with a FEAR of GOD.
  
- b. We do not recognize the extent to which our lives are already being judges
  - i. Barrenness
  - ii. Wayward children
  - iii. “Kicking against the goads”
  
- c. We wrongly identify God’s judgment as life’s trials.
  
- d. We FAIL to accept responsibility for the consequences of our POOR choices and our MISPLACED priorities.
  - i. We’re in the WRONG PLACE
  - ii. We’re buying the WRONG THINGS
  - iii. We’re busy with WRONG People
  - iv. We compromise our principles just a little