**Righteousness and Justice**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 26: Amos

McDonald Bible Methodist

Pastor Joey Ratcliff

August 23, 2020

**SERMON NOTES**

1. **Israel’s Sins Are Condemned**
2. Valuing of human life by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ status (2:6-7)
3. Masking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with religion (2:8)
4. Neglect and extortion of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8:4-6; 5:11)
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disregard for others’ suffering (6:4-6; 4:1)
6. Devaluing of equal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5:7)

*People don’t like their sins to be called out!*  (5:10)

1. **God’s Response**

*Little wonder that the modern church is largely devoid of spiritual life and transforming power!*

1. External, false \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is abominable (4:4-5; 5:21-24)
2. Our being God’s people requires that He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us (3:2; see Prov. 3:12)

*God sent warnings, but they were ignored! (4:6-9)*

1. **The Solution**
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (5:4)
3. Seek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not evil (5:14)
4. The outcome is great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (9:13)

*If we’ve listened to Amos, the blessing we crave will not be driven by greed and materialism!*

Answers: economic, **greed**, poor, **Selfish,** justice, **religion,** correct, **Seek,** good, **blessing**

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

**Bible study:** Read the passages referenced under the section, “Israel’s Sins Are Condemned.”

1. In the sermon, several modern practices and mindsets were referenced as reflecting these same sins. As you consider our culture, what would you add to the list?
2. Read 5:21-24. How are we at risk of having a false, external religion? What are some markers of this?
3. How have you been corrected (disciplined) by God? Did you allow it to produce life change, or should you anticipate escalated discipline? (4:6-9)
4. If you were to be known as a “seeker of God,” what practices would be present in our life? What would keep you from embracing those practices?

**Prayer from Amos**

“Give me a heart that cares about the hurt of others, and help me to be aware of how the world is trying to conform me to its thinking and behaviors.”