

Amos: The Call of God is Personal

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God isn't just calling the _____ and the _____. He invites the common and ordinary to hear His voice and follow Him. What's necessary in reference to God's call?

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God talked with Amos about a "_____." In Amos 7:7-9, the Bible says, *"This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'"*

"A plumb line is a _____ for determining that a surface is straight. All sin and resulting judgment are measured against the holiness and righteousness of the Lord." In Amos 5:21-24, the Bible says, *"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."* Are our _____ gatherings, _____ services, and _____ offerings pleasing to God?

How does God _____ in our day? He uses the Bible, prayer, the Holy Spirit, circumstances, and people. As we live life, what is God saying to us? In the book of Amos, God pronounced seven disasters to get His people's attention.

- _____ (4:6)
- _____ (4:7-8)
- _____ of crops (4:9)
- _____ epidemics (4:10)
- _____ in battle (4:10)
- _____ devastation of the cities (4:11)
- _____ (5:3)

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1. God continues to _____ to His people.
2. God doesn't _____ sin.
3. God calls/equips servants to _____ His message.
4. God uses His Word to _____ faithfulness.
5. God invites His people to _____.
6. God _____ obedient behavior.
7. God loves to use _____ people.

- Are you listening for God's _____?
- Are you aware of today's _____?
- Are you sharing _____ and _____?
- Are you excusing away God's _____ in your life?
- Are you delaying God's _____ for your life?
- Are you worshipping God with _____ of heart?

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- **Salvation**
- **Teachable**
- **Available**
- **Accountable**
- **Sensitive**
- **Humble**
- **Disciplined**
- **Relational**
- **Perseverance**

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- **Drought** (4:7-8)
- **Destruction** of crops (4:9)
- **Disease** epidemics (4:10)
- **Defeat** in battle (4:10)
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- **Captivity** (5:3)

The book of Amos remains **relevant** for our day. Many of the biblical principles continue to have **direct** and **urgent** implications for our lives.

1. God continues to **speak** to His people.
2. God doesn’t **ignore** sin.
3. God calls/equips servants to **deliver** His message.
4. God uses His Word to **measure** faithfulness.
5. God invites His people to **repent**.
6. God **rewards** obedient behavior.
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 - Are you listening for God’s **voice**?
 - Are you aware of today’s **spiritual climate**?
 - Are you sharing **God’s Word** and **Jesus Christ**?
 - Are you excusing away God’s **potential** in your life?
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