

# Walking in Agreement

**Main Scripture:** Amos 2: 1-4; Amos 3: 1-3; Amos 4: 1-13

**Supporting Scripture:** Ephesians 1:2; Exodus 19; Deuteronomy 15: 1-11; Leviticus 26:14-26; 1 John 1 -6

Amos is on who they call a minor prophet because the book has about 9 chapters. And he is not aligned with other prophets because he was a shepherd. He lived in Judah and was focused on taking care of his sheep and had no desire or prior engagements in prophecy. When Amos arrived on the scene it was shocking because the nation of Israel was divided into two sections of the northern and southern kingdoms. This divide happened after Solomon made alliances with countries he should not have made alliances with and two tribes were separated from the rest of Israel. Israel went into a severe apostasy. After David departed and Solomon backslid this departure from the Law of the Lord that was given to them on Mount Sinai. God told Moses that he brought the nation out for a specific purpose to be a kingdom of Priest to Him. He wanted Israel to be a light to the world and he gave them the ordinance of the ark of the covenant. Moses gave this message to the people in Exodus 19, the people agreed that they would do all the things that were said and they said they would follow this covenant and Moses sprinkled the blood on the tables of the law and the people came into agreement that day. God blessed them above every nation and God said he would do great wonders better than that of the parting of the Red Sea. Any time God speaks a word it is established in heaven and God doesn't take counsel from anyone (Ephesians 1:2) and he blesses Abraham and tells him about the land he would give him and that covenant of this land is passed down all the way down to Moses.

We remember Jericho how when the people followed the instructions of the Lord that the Lord delivered them just with a shout. We see how they destroyed giants, something impossible in their own strength but with God they were victorious. There is no chance for the believer to fail when they are walking in the word of God.

Now Israel separated itself from the agreement and they have put themselves in harm's way. And God tells Amos to go and talk to Israel with no prior experience he prophesies to Israel.

Israel was greedy they treated the poor as though they were nothing. And the way that God looks at the poor is that he identifies with the poor. He calls himself the God of the poor and needy. And because he is the God of righteousness is concerned to treat the poor with justice.

In Deuteronomy 15 there was a law for there to be a release of debts so if I were to owe you some money or an item at the end of that 7 years if I were not able to pay the debt that debt would be cancelled and so it important for us to understand this because the same principles of the law are still applicable today. And so any poor, because the poor will always be with them, but in Deuteronomy 15:4 there should be no poor because they were to take care of them. These verses show that the poor were to be taken care of. So if there were poor in the land, they would come to you and ask and you were expected to give to them without grudgingly. In your giving, if it was done grudgingly he would have to judge the heart.

We see this law in the constitution of Israel and following this law would make them blessed above nations. Can you imagine not having a mortgage or a line of credit? Well God said they would be lenders if they walk in the covenant.

Amos lists out a number of the sins

Amos 2:6 - they sell honourable people for silver and poor people for sandals

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Do we see how poor people were sold for a pair of sandals putting them in a position of slavery? As we look at this scripture God is grieved in what he is seeing in the Land he called out to be His light.

God asked can two people walk together If there is no agreement between them.

He is calling them to realize they are headed in a direction that is only important to them. Self-promotion, self-conceited. And God is asking them to come back with their whole heart and because of this he must punish them.

Leviticus 26:14-26 God calls for a lockdown on heaven and earth because they didn't obey Gods laws. There is also a food shortage.

God is laying out in his covenant the consequences of disobedience. we see this as a pattern from Adam. God always give a fair warning and this is because he is Just. Now the people of Israel had these warnings and when we look in Amos we see that God begins to speak and give them the message of the upcoming judgement in Amos 4:1

He talks about them bragging about their good. God will allow a person to continue sinning unto everyone who wants to continue sinning. Amos 4: 1-13- God brought the destruction. I put restrictions on one city and blessed another and they still would not return to God. God experiences the judgment of Leviticus because they left the covenant of the Lord.

It's important that when we decide to do things our own way we have signed a covenant with Death and this death is a compounding effect. And God will pour out His judgement a little at a time to try to get our attention because we choose to reject his word. When we reject his word our hearts will become hardened and he will send the judgement to break our hardened heart.

David said the sacrifices of God is a contrite heart and now we see Israel facing one problem after another and they are set on continuing in their stubborn ways and he sent messengers of Mercy but because they would not hear, prepare to me God or Israel. Amos continues to prophesy and tells them there is destruction coming to those who will not hear the word of the Lord.

Woe to them that ate at ease in Zion. Those who oppress the poor and take more than they need and would not give to their brothers and so God is saying its time for Him to act. We see inequity and corruption are moving across the land. And Amos prophecies about the surrounding nations to Edom, Moab and Damascus and as he is prophesying and he gives Israel the word and they are the ones who push the word away. But God can not be shut down. Even though the prophecies are despised but his word is not shut down and God is asking us to walk in agreement with his covenant. How ave we left? We follow our own will and desires. When the spirit bids us give we reject it. We close our bowels of compassion and we hold back the gift that God has given us to give. Ephesians 4 says to let him that stole steal no more. All the resources God gives is for us to share. There was a great revival in the early church because they agreed to give. No one said that this was their own car or house or land because they understood according to the teachings of the Lord that whatever you have you should freely give. When the world looks that the church it should see the light shining through. See the one who gave all, who decided that although he had the power to rule he became a servant. His spirit is what is placed on the church so that the church would not be a self-driven organization. He wants the world to understand the oneness of God in the body of Christ. That when the world sees the church they see the glory of God.

How can two people walk together if there is no agreement?

If my money is mine and my wife's money is hers how can we agree?

God wants to address some practical things... the husband and wife is one flesh but if I decided to separate from her in our finances God looks at that and sees a divided man. Husband and wife were meant to reflect the image of God the oneness of God.

This westerner society trains us to be independent of God. We are no longer like Hannah who lends her child to God for the ministry. But we create paths based on our own desires but God is saying seek me to find out what God is saying.

We have left from walking in agreement with the Lord.

1 John 1 -6 says we should walk in the light as he is in the light. We have to walk in the light of his word. John wanted to share his fellowship as they had in the Lord. He wants the believer to receive the fullness of Joy that is received

Are we like the corinthians church that was divided or do we have one focus.

If we continue to exalt our greed or hold back what we know will bless someone else or hurt one another with emotional separation and cause division for Satan to fill that gap that silent treatment opens up space for the devil to speak lies to the ears of the spouse. That space you created now satan has filled and Paul says leave no room for Satan. When we separate ourselves and come in contempt with God, but the scripture says to live in love with one another so that there is no disagreement or discord. Your relationship is not about you but that Jesus can see himself in you. Our relationship must be knit together in Love. When we speak do our children feel as though they are not wanted? Just by speaking those words we open a gap for the devil to come in and they grow up and they act out those words. WE water it in frustration. Just as Moses, when God said speak to the rock but in the act of frustration he strikes the rock, Don't allow your frustration to destroy the family or friendships that he gave you. God allows friends to be missing in action so he can see will you bring your frustration back to Him.

Will you bring your frustration to the feet of Jesus. This is why he has created an altar. But we have taken our frustration and needs and wants to someone else other than God. Today God is saying where is your heart and I want you to walk in agreement with me because Gods covenant is meant to bring you life. Jesus came as the Word made flesh. We handled him and was able to have a meaningful interaction not written of stone. This covenant came into the places of darkness and brought healing and we were able to touch it. God wants us to handle him today to walk in agreement God wants you in Him. It is not ok for you to be outside of him, just to read the word and not obey them. Baptism is being baptized in the body of Christ. I speak to someone who has not yet received the Holy Spirit and you are walking in agreement. God wants to destroy the stronghold and habits that make us sit under guilt. Gods covenant is good enough for covering guilt. Come with a repentant heart. God blood is a detergent that will purge you from every uncleanness. Someone who is struggling with un-forgiveness can be broken through the blood of Jesus Christ. Ezekiel said he would write the laws on our hearts. Not in our own strength but we will pray for those who do evil against you. Someone today can receive a fresh perspective with the covenant of Jesus. For those ready for a change in your lives, walk-in Gods covenant. There are cycles we are maybe a

cycle of depression because somewhere through some hardship your heart strayed to a path of bitterness and hurt and cause you to forsake the path that leads to life.