

## Amos Part 9 – Meeting the Lord of Heaven and Earth

Key Verses: Amos 3:1 – 3:8

The Lord wastes nothing in His plan of salvation and working all things for the council of His will. He uses the revealing of our spiritual nakedness (the depth and breadth of our sin) to drag us to Himself. We flee to the mountains of Jesus Christ when we see ourselves as the abomination of desolation (Mat 24:15-16).

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

This is how we **are made** (caused) to flee from our old life as we begin to meet the Lord and His Christ in the Spirit which begins to transform our minds (Rom 12:2).

The mind of Christ comes by instruction (1Co 2:16) and that by our hearing of the Word. This is the same process as the vials of wrath poured out into the air by the angels of the Lord.

Rev 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

Rev 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a **great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

We begin Amos 3 with our hearing the words of the Lord and knowing of our calling and election as His children who are being transformed by judgment.

**Amo 3:1** Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

**Amo 3:2** You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

**Amo 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

**Amo 3:4** Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

**Amo 3:5** Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin *is* for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

**Amo 3:6** Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*?

**Amo 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

**Amo 3:8** The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

There are nine rhetorical questions asked in these verses with the number nine symbolizing God's judgment on man ([Number Nine Study](#)). A rhetorical question is a question asked in order to produce an effect or make a statement rather than to elicit a specific answer. The Lord is not lacking in any knowledge. Indeed, the sum of the word tells us that the Lord

knows all things (Eph 1:11, Psa 139:16) and is working all things for the counsel of His will.

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, **but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him** to whom we must give account

1Jn 3:20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, **and knoweth all things.**

Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: **his understanding is infinite.**

Eze 11:5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, **every one of them.**

We see this dynamic with rhetorical questions first play out in Genesis chapter 3.

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

The Lord asked these questions of Adam not because He did not know the answer but to show and to teach Adam important lessons about ourselves and our walk and standing with God. The Lord asks these questions to teach us His ways as we seek out the answer.

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

As we grow in righteousness by judgment, we learn more every day there is no happenstance in the Kingdom of God. Nothing is by chance and whether we are deceived (Job 12:16, 2Th 2:11) or we see the truth (Joh 9:39, Mat 13:11) that is 100.00% the Lord's work. Whether we see, eat, endure famine, walk, sin, obey and breathe; whatever it is, the Lord doing it!

Act 17:25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Act 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

The answer to each of the rhetorical question is **NO or NOBODY**, as they are phrased in the KJV version. Each of these questions and the "NO" answers are designed to open up our heavens in realizing what being Lord means and the extent of the Lord's hand in **every detail** of our life. The fact is there is NO DETAIL that is outside the Lord's sovereignty. This immutable truth that we have no free will outside the will of God, is what takes us a long time to embrace and turn into action in our earth. This is what we are to pray.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

The more we are caused to submit and obey the more we grow in understanding.

Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.

Col 1:16 For by him were **all things** created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things** were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before **all things**, and by him **all things** consist.

We meet the Lord and begin to come into agreement with Him, when we begin to walk with Him in our judgment. When Christ in us is lifted up as a living sacrifice then we know Him and that He is truly the Lord of the outward and our inward Heaven and Earth.

Joh8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, **then shall ye know that I am he**, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Act 4:24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, **and all that in them is**:

Transforming us into the image of God is by the process of judgment. We have to walk with the Lord on a long journey (finish the race) to reach the goal of maturity.

**Amo 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed [H3259]?

The mind of Christ grows within us as we eat the true Bread from heaven daily which is our dying daily to the flesh. We can't serve two masters and be in the will of God (Mat 6:24).

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Living by every word is doing His judgments which is how eternal life and possession of the land (salvation) is given to us.

Deu 5:33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Joh 10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.....

While it is true people cannot walk together, at least peacefully unless they be agreed, I see the translation of the word "agreed" as an error. The word for "agreed" in Amos 3:3 is H3259 and is only once translated as "agreed".

**H3259**, yâ'ad

**Total KJV Occurrences: 29**

meet, 8

appointed, 3

assembled, 3

gathered, 3

set, 3

appoint, 2

betrothed, 2

**agreed, 1, Amo 3:3**

appointment, 1

assemble, 1

gather, 1

met, 1

A more precise way of saying Amos 3:3 is can two or more walk together **unless they meet or assemble/gather together**. The answer to this rhetorical question of course is no! One cannot walk with someone they have not met and do not know. So if you want to know Jesus Christ we had better be walking with Jesus Christ. And who is Jesus Christ?

Eph 5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

We are meeting the Lord in our day of the Lord as we abiding in the BODY OF CHRIST which is where the everlasting burnings are found (Isa 33:14-15). This is the only way and the only place to walk with the Lord. It cannot be done alone. Here is an OT witness to the same.

Exo 25:2 And the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

Exo 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

Exo 25:22 **And there I will meet with thee**, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

The mind of Christ, the coming into agreement with the Lord and His NARROW way is made known to us by our abiding in the church (The Christ of Jesus Christ).

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known **by the church** the manifold wisdom of God,

Exo 29:42 This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: **where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.**

The Lord causes evil to bring about good and to save many people (all mankind) at the appointed time (Gen 50:20, Rom 8:28). The two-edged sword confirms the positive and negative of every word and that the light and the darkness is the same to the Lord (Psa 139:12). We need to answer these questions correctly to begin walking in agreement with the Lord.

**Amo 3:4** Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

These questions are written like all Scripture in parables and symbols. Sure there is an outward truth about the Lord's absolute dominion over lions and birds and all their activities as well. Physical birds and spiritual birds (doctrines, spirits, the fowls of the air) both do not fall to the earth apart from the Lord's will.

Mat 10:29 (CLV) Are not two sparrows selling for a penny? And not one of them will be falling on **the earth** without your Father.

Jer 22:29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

Via these questions, the Lord wants us to see and come to understand in our judgment, **that it is HIM doing everything**. Billions read Joh 15:5 that says "apart from Jesus Christ we can do nothing", but so few actually believe that all of our steps, not just the good ones are ordered by a Sovereign God.

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

Psa 37:23 The steps of a ~~good~~ man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

Even His elect that are given to know these things, will not believe this until it is proven to us time and time again via the process of judgment (Pro 24:16). We come to believe and our faith grows as our understanding of His rulership in the kingdom of mankind is expanded in our day of judgment.

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

The lion that roars over its prey is both the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Rev 5:5) but also our adversary the devil, who walks around seeking whom He may devour (1Pe 5:8). So whether we are caused to sin and be overcome or in due time given to overcome and walk in obedience, all the lions of Scripture will be roaring over their prey.

### The Positive

Num 23:24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

Rev 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

Rev 10:2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

Rev 10:3 And cried with a loud voice, **as when a lion roareth**: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

### The Negative

Isa5:29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall

roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

Rev 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

The Lord works ALL THINGS, the good and the bad, even our sins and our obedience. We are the works of His hands in all facets.

Eze 20:37 And I will **cause you** to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

Rom 9:16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and **cause you** to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

**Amo 3:5** Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

It is the same things with birds and gins (snares/traps). Spiritually speaking we know that birds and the fowls of heaven are doctrines. Like lions they can be positive and negative being evil spirits or the truth. The Lord has created all things and is working all things and His work does not return void (Isa 55:11). That Word is causing birds to be snared when there is no snare (gin) put there by the works of mankind. The Lord is the Lord and His will is accomplished in the earth.

Psa 24:1 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD'S, **and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.**

The Lord creates the birds (spirits, doctrines, truth, lies) and it all works for good which is the salvation of all men in the end (1Co 15:22).

Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, **and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.**

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and **let fowl multiply in the earth.**

There is a time for birds to be snared and a time for birds to be un-snared (Ecc 3:1) all working the purposes of the Lord in the life of every man.

Rev 18:2 and he did cry in might—a great voice, saying, 'Fall, fall did Babylon the great, and she became a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird,

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

Jesus Christ is always working (Joh 5:17) and that work always works for the council of His will (Php 2:13) and never fails to accomplish His purposes.

**Amo 3:6** Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil [H7451] in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*?

The purpose of judgment represented by the trumpets being blown in our inward cities is to teach us the fear of the Lord. The Lord is causing evil in the cities to turn those He is working with in each age back to Himself. This is part of the strange act (Isa 28:21) and the devised means the Lord uses to bring about His will and save all mankind.

2Sa 14:14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

It is judgments that save and only those in the Body are judged now in this age (1Pe 4:17, 1Co 11:31). The trumpets that the angels of the Lord blow in the city is bringing us to maturity and what teaches us the fear of the Lord.

Psa 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Isa 33:5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

Isa 33:6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

The evil in the city certainly applies outwardly and is an obvious part of all things notwithstanding Billy Graham's infamous sermon after 911 that was a bold-faced lie saying "God is not the author of evil". He most certainly is and the Word gives zero room for any dispute. It is as much a part of ALL THINGS (Rom 11:36) as the good things.

Isa 45:7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, **and create evil**: I the LORD do all these *things*.

Pro 16:4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, **even the wicked for the day of evil.**

It's not just for the bad guys only that the Lord sends or causes evil. It is all evil and that includes His dealings with His own people, you and me if we are God's elect and the true Israel of God.

Psa 78:49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by **sending evil angels among them.**

Jer 32:42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this **great evil** upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

Job 42:11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over **all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him**: every man also gave him a piece of money, and everyone an earring of gold.

Our day of the Lord is a day of trumpets and of evil just as Job experienced for our edification.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send **his angels with a great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the

other.

It is when these spiritual trumpets are blown that we are seated with Christ in heaven and the manifold wisdom of the Lord is poured out in our minds (heavens).

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which **I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me**; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

**Amo 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

I have misused this verse in the past and I repent of that. The Lord most certainly **DOES NOT** tell us beforehand what He is going to do specifically.

Mat 6:34 Take therefore **no thought for the morrow**: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Jas 4:14 **Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow**. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanishes away.

We only come to see and to understand the details of the Lord's action in our lives when we look behind ourselves.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and **heard behind me** a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Joh 12:16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: **but when Jesus was glorified** (*Christ in us revealed*), then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

We would not be able bear it all if He showed us the trials and suffering we would be required to pay. We would be unwilling to pay the costs and instead would make peace with the world (Luk 14:31) which is remaining at enmity with the Lord. Human beings grow to maturity slowly over many years and we are only asked to do what we are capable of doing.

Joh 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

What verse 3:7 really says is that everything the Lord is doing in judgment is to bring about the revelation of Jesus Christ within us. This is the purpose of judgment and how we come to know the Lord. This secret is revealed to His prophets, by His prophets, which are His elect and ministers of grace.

Rev 1:1 **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which **must shortly come to pass**; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Heb 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Christ in you, the hope of glory, is the mystery that is being declared in His prophets by His prophets. Said another way, it is the revelation of Jesus Christ by Christ.

Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Mat 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been **kept secret** from the foundation of the world.

This mystery is indeed a secret that is hidden from all carnal eyes and ears but only to the elect, the precious few chosen with ears to hear and eyes to see, is it being revealed.

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath **been hid from ages and from generations**, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Isa 45:3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, **and hidden riches of secret places**, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Coming to see and apply His Sovereignty over all things via judgment is how we learn and grow in the faith. Our last verse contains the last two questions for the hearer of the Word.

**Amo 3:8** The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

Abiding through our judgment we will answer these none rhetorical questions as we examine what the Lord is doing in us and walk circumspectly. With Christ in us, there is a roaring lion within and this is what teaches us the fear of the Lord and turns us into fellow prophets. The roaring Lion of Judah will teach us the fear of the Lord and establish a testimony within us according to what He has given us.

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

It is the House of God, His Elect, who are judged first and thus are used to do the greater works of Jesus Christ (Joh 14:12) and that by our testimony. The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus Christ that comes from the Body of Christ.

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Psa 78:5 For he established **a testimony in Jacob**, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

Next week we will pick back up with verse 8 and finish Chapter 3 as the ambassador is sent to the publish the good news to the heathen nations within and without ourselves.