

Amos Part 14 – The Wise Shall Keep Silent

Key Verses: Amos 5:7 – 5:13

In the last installment (Amos Part 13), we were admonished to seek the Lord and live. Of course this tells those with ears to hear to give up their life and die in order to find the Lord. This is how we walk in the Spirit of newness of life in Christ. It is through death that judgment then comes (Heb 9:28) and the overcoming of sin takes place.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death** he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Those that can read, hear and keep the sayings of the Scriptures are the House of God in every generation and upon whom judgment is now coming. We live out the Word of God and keep His judgments, learning the manifold wisdom of God while abiding in the body of Christ's flesh which is the Church (Eph 3:10, Eph 5:30). This process of judgment is what reconciles us (returns) us to the Lord.

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Col 1:22 **In the body of his flesh through death**, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:

Establishing justice in our gates is putting on the mind of Christ. This is being worked in God's elect in our day of judgment, in the day of the Lord as we continue in the Book of Amos.

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We don't willingly walk to our death and give up our lives, we indeed are dragged there as the Word of God is bitter to our fleshly way of live (Rev 10:10) and seeks to avoid the mourning, lamentations and woe, the reproach the Word brings to us in this world (Eze 2:10).

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We, like Job, become self-righteous and complain and contend with the Lord as the Lord brings occasion to reveal our hidden pride and humble us. We drink the bitter vinegar and gall that our sinless Lord did not drink and thus turn our judgment into wormwood. Like Ezekiel and Jeremiah, we go forth in bitterness initially.

Eze 3:14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

Lam 3:15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood

To become a mature man and eat strong meat speaks to our ability to bear the trials and suffering, the reproach that falls on Jesus Christ. This is our dying daily. The Christ of Christ take the cup we have been given to drink and give the Lord thanks for it, following our Lord's footsteps.

Luk 22:17 And he **took the cup, and gave thanks**, and said, take this, and divide it among yourselves:

1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Failing of the grace of God is when we are overtaken by a root of bitterness and become unthankful in what the Lord is doing (Heb 12:15). We learn not be bitter by first being bitter in our judgment and being chastened (Tit 2:11). We all like Job will at first hold fast our own righteousness and seek to disannul or invalidate the righteous judgments of God.

Job 27:6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Job 40:8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

Christ in us is lifted up as we (the old man) is being humbled by the evil (afflictions) that the Lord is brining upon us (Psa 34:19, Ecc 1:13 CLV).

Amo 5:8 *Seek him* that maketh the Pleiades [seven stars] and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

While this verse speaks to the Lord's omnipotence, that is not the primary point the Lord is conveying. This verse tells us of the mystery of how the Lord brings us back to Himself which we won't understand until we live it and look behind ourselves (Rev 1:10, Luk 24:8). Stars give off light in the darkness can be both positive or negative as they represent people (us) and/or the false gods we set up in our heavens to worship (the beast). The physical and the spiritual stars are all part of "all things" the Lord is making and working in our lives.

Psa 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

The Lord puts light and darkness into our minds by declaring unto us our very thoughts (Amo

4:13). We truly are clay and whether we walk in the light or sit in darkness is all the Lord' doing as are all things.

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

To the carnal world, the true Light of the Lord is thick darkness (Deut 4:11) but to those that see it is bright Light (Exo 14:20). It is all the same to Him who is working ALL things.

Psa 139:12 Yea, the darkness hideth not thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light **are both alike to thee.**

Mentioning the names of two well-known constellations reveals this truth. Orion comes from a word meaning stupid or foolish.

H3685, *kes-eel'*

The same as H3684; any notable *constellation*; specifically *Orion* (as if a *burly* one): - constellation, Orion.

H3684, *kes-eel'*

From H3688; properly *fat*, that is, (figuratively) **stupid or silly: - fool (-ish).**

The Lord turns darkness to light and light to darkness according to His purposes. The turning of the shadow of death (being carnally minded) into morning (light) is done by Him making the darkness (the lies we believe and trust in) as our light.

Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, **how great is that darkness!**

Both the deceived and the deceiver are the Lord's (Job 12:16). He sends strong delusion to keep us bound in darkness awaiting our day of judgment. We leave our first love and fall away.

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Isa 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations (H3685 - Orion) thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Pleiades (H3598) is only mentioned elsewhere in Job 9 and 38. It is a well-known cluster of seven stars that point to the coming Spring season. The symbology of seven stars is the opposite of Orion which means foolishness. The Lord making Pleiades and Orion is another witness to the Lord making light and darkness. As we carry our cross, Christ in us dies to this world and the veil of flesh is torn in the temple within us (Mat 27:51) and we discern the true lights unto this dark world that is the church.

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as **the brightness of the firmament**; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (2Th 2:8)

The Lord stirs up our flesh, He manifest sins to give occasion for judgment and to have our own wickedness correct us and humble us in our self-righteousness. This is the spiritual significance of the waters of the seas (flesh of man) being poured out upon our earth (Jer 22:29).

Psa 107:25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

Psa 107:26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

The parables of the Scriptures convey this mystery of the process of salvation and shows those with ears to hear how faith is grown through the storms of life which the Lord is causing.

Mat 8:24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

Mat 8:25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

Mat 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, **O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

As our faith grows, the Lord is raising up Christ more and more and the immature man of God that had been spoiled will begin to tread on the strong man (the man of sin) that has us bound.

Amo 5:9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.

Reaping what our old man previously sowed (Gal 5:7), the spoilers will themselves be spoiled in the fire of the Lord's jealousy. The casting out of devils (lies) out of our heavens turns the tables and the devourers are now devoured and salvation comes as Christ rises up.

Jer 30:16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

Mat 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Mat 12:29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

The man of sin is very strong and gets his power from the god of this world. Only Christ rising up within us can overcome the wicked one.

Amo 5:10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

Our flesh will abhor the righteousness of God. Jesus Christ is, was and will be despised and rejected of men who is not esteemed by the carnal mind (Isa 53:3). And the immutable truth is we are "Jesus Christ" and will follow His steps.

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

It is the Body of Christ that stands in the gate, the entry way into Jesus Christ and the entry way into our personal heavens (mind). Those gates are guarded by the true elect who have eyes round about, within and without (Rev 4:6-8) to ensure that nothing that defiles is allowed into the Holy City within and without. Christ is the door by which all must pass to find life.

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Joh 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Rather than stand for Christ and bear His reproach and shame and endure judgment for our sins; we seek the gain of oppression and wrest away the righteous judgment of God. Hatred is murder in the eyes of the Lord (Mat 5:22). Our beast and man of sin seeks to kill the man child within us that is oppressing our sinful way of life by bringing judgment and fire from the Lord. It is you and me who are these Pharisees who eagerly seek knowledge and search the Scriptures, but are unwilling to submit to Christ (Joh 5:39-40) and instead hate (murder) the Lord's prophets.

Mat 23:34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

Mat 23:35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

The Lord put us together in a Body to strengthen, comfort and to keep each other attentive. If we do not abide in the living Word that is Christ, the same which brings judgment and wrath to our man of sin; we will be led astray by the deceitfulness of sin (Heb 3:13) that lives in our hearts. Faithful and strong brethren snatch one another from the fire and keep our hearts striving to attain to the higher calling. The time will come when we need this help.

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2Ti 4:3 For **the time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Pro 28:23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

As our trials increase with our increased faith (1Pe 1:7), the costs of following Jesus Christ also increase as we can now bear greater trials (1Co 10:13, Joh 16:12). These trials are separating the "called and chosen" from the "called, chosen AND FAITHFUL" (Rev 17:14). To destroy the pride of life and humble us, our self-righteousness and gainsaying using the things of the Lord, needs to be exposed. The Lord is making His case for needed judgment to teach us the right ways.

Amo 5:11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

Amo 5:12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

The elect are being sent to preach the Gospel to the spiritually poor (Luk 4:18, Rev 14:6) and broken hearted. Giving to the poor is lifting up our brother and sisters, spiritually and physically when needed as we are given the ability and opportunity. We come to see every man alive as Jesus Christ, who is the first man Adam and last man Christ in every man.

Mat 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, **ye have done it unto me.**

Speaking and living the Word, judging righteous judgment is how we feed, clothe and shelter “Jesus Christ” who is every man. Full of doctrine and immature, we will first oppress the man child within ourselves and those outside ourselves. Getting the I, Me and My out of our walk and our life takes significant trials and scourging by the Lord. We all lack the one thing that Christ spoke to the rich man about. The one thing we all lack is to give up EVERYTHING, give it all to the Lord and trust in Him alone and not our own flesh and abilities.

Mat 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

None of us voluntarily give up our lives. Flesh instinctively do the opposite and seek to save its life and seek gain and not be content in waiting for the Lord. We tread upon the poor within ourselves and without when we remove the burden of judgment off ourselves and pervert the Word of God. Taking away the grain (the corn or the wheat) is removing the Truth and wresting away the need for judgment and living a sacrificed life. This is robbery.

Pro 22:22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

Isa 10:2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!

The Lord is jealous for His people and when we oppress the poor we reproach the Lord. We cannot wrest judgment (Exo 23:6) as there is no other way into the kingdom of God.

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Self-righteous flesh seeks to build a house for the Lord (Psa 127:1) and justify ourselves by the works of our own hands. But this all vanity and destined to be burned up when the fire reveals our works in our day of the Lord (1Co 3:15). Israel (you and me) are commanded to not built an altar made of hewn stone which refers to the works of our hands. Jesus Christ is building His church and He needs no help from any man to bring it about.

Act 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples **made with hands**;

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**;

Turning aside the poor is leading one away from Christ and the narrow road and the words of fire that the walk of a disciple entails. We always have to try the spirits.

2Pe 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

Php 3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are **the enemies of the cross of Christ**:

Php 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

We honor the Lord by speaking righteously and showing mercy, which is judging righteous judgment (Joh 7:24) and partaking of the suffering of Christ.

Pro 31:9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Pro 14:31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

The Lord calls our oppression of the poor that afflicts His people **a mighty sin**. Until we are given to lay down our life for Christ, we will continue to be a beast buying and selling and seeking gain and oppressing the poor within and without. A zealous Lord will have vengeance for His oppressed.

Psa 12:5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, **now will I arise**, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

As we grow in faith, our ability to bear the burden of the Lord also increases. With maturity come greater trials but know the Lord will not try us beyond what we can bear (1Co 10:13).

Amo 5:13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence [H1826] in that time; for it is an evil time

The rest (silence) that remains for the people of God is to cease from our own carnal works and put our faith in the Lord alone. This is the goal and where we are heading but we only get there by enduring and learning through an experience of evil.

Ecc 1:13 (CLV) I applied my heart to inquiring and exploring by wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens: it is **an experience of evil** Elohim has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.

We come into judgment like Job, whining and complaining and justifying ourselves by our filthy rags self-righteous works (Isa 64:6). But as we mature in our judgment, we begin overcoming sin and begin to speak what the angels of the Lord speak.

Rev 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

We are becoming wise in our foolishness for Christ and are given understanding of the Lord's plan and purposes and as importantly the faith to believe. The time of the end has come.

Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

When a life is laid down for the Lord, we have the faith to trust in what He is doing and open not our mouth to defend or justify ourselves.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

We are saved by the chastening grace of the Lord through the faith we are given as a gift (Eph 2:8). True grace through faith grows us to a place of contentment and of rest. A meek and humble spirit is quietness and confidence in the Lord and not depended upon horses we have depended upon our whole prior life.

Isa 30:15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

Isa 30:16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

It takes faith to believe, without which we will not enter into the rest and quietness that is promised to all who believe.

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

God is resting from His works within us on the seventh day, the day we are being completed in Jesus Christ. Coming to Christ is where we find rest from our own works (Mat 11:28) and grow such that the Prince of Peace is ruling in our hearts. Charity, our love, which is our obedience is how that peace and quietness is found.

Col 3:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

We are not wise or silent at first in our day of judgments. We are unwise and making all kinds of lamentations in contending with the Lord. The commandment has been given to be silent. Yet we learn obedience by making mistakes, experiencing evil and suffering the chastening of the Lord. This is where we pick up next week Lord willing, as the lamenting and wailing in the vineyards will increase as the Lord passes through the land within us.

Amo 5:17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.