

Behold, I Will Press You In Your Place (ASV)
Amos 2:9-13
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Thesis: I want to show that God desires even those with “mighty sins” (**Amos 5:12a**) to come to repentance.

- Intro:
1. We all have sinned (**Rom 3:23**).
 2. Despite our sins, no matter what they may be, we can find mercy from God (**Mt 9:13**).
 3. At the time of the events of Amos, it wasn't any different.

I. Their sins (**Amos 1 & 2**)

1. For their sins they are judged and punished
 - a. Damascus - cruelty in war (**1:3b-5**)
 - b. Gaza of Philistia – slave traffic (**1:6b-8**)
 - c. Tyre – delivered up “brothers” (**1:9b-10**)
 - d. Edom – for implacable hatred for Israel (**1:11b-12**)
 - e. Ammon – intense and uncalled-for cruelty (**1:13b-15**)
 - f. Moab – vengeance even on a king's carcass (**2:1b-3**)
2. Comparable sins today
 - a. Hating our brethren (**1 Jn 3:14**)
 - b. Cruel or harsh to others (**Mt 5:43-44,46, 22:39**)
 - c. Hearing only (**James 1:22-25**)

II. The judgment to come (**Amos 2:9-16**)

- A. Hatred for Godly benefits
 1. The despised and rejected God's work for them (**Amos 2:9,10a,11a**)
 2. God did much for them and for that they turned away from Him (**Amos 2:11b-13**)
 3. “Behold, I will press you in your place, as a cart presseth that is full of sheaves.” (ASV)
 4. “Behold, I am weighed down by you, As a cart full of sheaves is weighed down.” (NKJV)
- B. “Therefore flight shall perish...”(**Amos 2:14-16**)
 1. No one can escape God and it would be the same for them.
 2. No one no matter their weapons or strength can escape the power of God (**2:14-16**)

III. The call to repentance (**Amos 5:4-6,10,12-15**)

- A. “Seek Me and live” (**5:4**)
 1. The LORD pleaded with them to repent.
 2. Do not seek your false gods or seek their temples or altars (**5:5-6**)
- B. “For I know your manifold transgressions And your mighty sins” (**5:12**)
 1. The prudent have perhaps released that the people only are encouraged to do more “mighty sins” when they are rebuked. Thus the prudent are keeping silent (**Mt 7:6**).
 2. The Lord will be gracious if they will “seek good and not evil” and “Hate evil, love good”. Thus, it's implied they loved evil and sought out evil rather than good.

IV. The consequences of their sins & unrepentant heart

A. Consequences of their sins (**Amos 7:1,4,8-9; 8:7,11-12**)

1. The Lord would not relent as he had before (**7:2,6**)

B. Results of their unrepentant heart (**Amos 7:8-9, 9:1-4,8,10**)

1. They will find no escape or mercy once the Lord has turned on them (**9:1b-4**)

2. The Lord is not slack concerning His promises or His judgments (**2 Pt 3:9**)

Conc: 1. We, though we may have done wrong, can find mercy from God (**Amos 9:8b**)

2. However, waiting and rebelling against God has never worked out for anyone (**Amos 9:10**).

3. Full Invitation