

Turning from Sin
Amos 6:1-2
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Thesis: I want to show the danger in being at ease with sin.

Intro: 1. We so often today those who are at ease with sinful behaviors.

I. Woes from the Lord (Amos 6:1-6)

A. Woe to those who are at ease while rebelling against God (**Amos 6:1-2**)

1. Zion is Jerusalem
2. People of Samaria (Israel) also living in a false sense of security
3. People today sometimes think they can sin with impunity (**Ecc 8:11**)
4. Israel should consider some strong cities and their insecurity.
 - a. People gathered in walled cities for protection.
 - b. False security is sometimes demonstrated in people who feel themselves secured by the physical.

B. Woe unto those who are enjoying “the good life”...

(**Amos 6:3-6**)

1. They lived in luxury but in sin.
2. They dined on the choicest meats but were in sin.
3. They were entertained but were in sin.
4. They were insensitive to their impending doom (**Amos 6:6**).

II. Why the woes? (Amos 6:7-8)

A. The ungodly living spelled their doom (**Amos 6:7**)

1. God’s law of sowing and reaping was functioning (**Gal 6:7-8**)
2. They were getting ready to reap-and weep.
3. God has emphatically declared the doom.

B. The pride of destruction was strong (**Amos 6:8**)

1. Many things of this world can breed pride.
2. Pride, man’s self-sufficiency, precedes destruction (**Pro 16:18**).
3. Peter’s explanation of the peril of pride (**1 Pt 5:5-9**)

III. When the doom comes (**Amos 6:9-14**)

A. A full house (10, a full and complete number) shall die.

1. The necessity of burning the bodies was a custom not practiced by the Jews.
2. They were urged not to use God’s name either because:
 - a. It was too late to ask God for help.
 - b. God would find them and His wrath would overtake them.
 - c. Both kinds of houses will fall: mansions and small houses (**Amos 6:11**)

B. The foolishness of sin:

1. Like horses running on rocks-they will get hurt (**Amos 6:12**)
2. Do men plow oxen on the rocks?
3. It is equally foolish to turn justice into gall and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood (comparison – **Amos 5:24**)

4. They had turned to idols (**Amos 6:13**).
 - a. Idols were to Debar: nothing (**1 Cor 8:4-6**)
 - b. They were trusting in Kamaim (horns), symbols of strength of idols, to be their strength.

IV. Lessons for Us Today

- A. Sin is not to be taken lightly.
 1. When sin is down played separation from God is unavoidable.
- B. Repentance must not be delayed.
 1. When sin is dismissed or ignored repentance doesn't take place.

Application & Conclusion:

1. God is not at ease with sin and the Christian shouldn't be either.
2. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9