

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 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