

2026-05-13 Summary

This powerful message takes us deep into the Book of Amos, challenging us to examine whether we've become comfortable in our blessings while ignoring God's call to repentance. The core theme revolves around a sobering truth: God's patience should never be mistaken for approval of our sin. Through Amos, a humble shepherd called to prophesy to Israel, we see a nation that had prosperity, religious activity, and assumed God's favor—yet they oppressed the poor, pursued injustice, and ignored repeated warnings. The recurring refrain 'yet you have not returned to me' echoes throughout, reminding us that God sent famine, drought, plagues, and other calamities not out of cruelty, but as merciful wake-up calls. The message draws striking parallels to modern American Christianity, where we often treat God's grace as a license to continue in sin rather than as motivation for holy living. The connection to Revelation 2 reinforces that Jesus Himself—the same loving Savior—warns churches about tolerating immorality and false teaching, promising both rewards for faithfulness and judgment for unrepentant sin. This isn't about living in fear, but about living in reverent awareness that our deeds matter, that repentance is essential, and that God's kindness is meant to lead us to transformation, not complacency.