

## 2026-06-17 Summary

This powerful exploration of Amos challenges us to examine the uncomfortable truth that God sees everything we do—and everything we fail to do. The prophet Amos confronts a people who appeared religious on the surface but were dishonest in their dealings, cheating the poor and going through religious motions without genuine devotion. We're reminded of Revelation's refrain 'I know your deeds,' which can either comfort or convict us depending on where we stand with God. The message asks a piercing question: do we clean ourselves up on Sundays but live differently the rest of the week? Are we cookie-cutter Christians or authentic followers? The famine described in Amos isn't about food or water, but about hearing God's Word—a haunting warning for those who take Scripture for granted. Yet woven through this judgment is hope: the trembling earth, the darkened sun at noon, the mourning for an only son—all point forward to the cross where Jesus absorbed our judgment. God doesn't reveal coming judgment to condemn us but to give us opportunity to repent. The altar stands before us not as a place of death but as where we present ourselves as living sacrifices, surrendering control and asking God what He wants to do in us that our stubbornness has prevented.