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INTRODUCTION

In the book of Amos, we see several things. We see God calling a normal guy to an important job. The greatest ability is availability. Amos takes a message that people don't want to hear – one of judgement. This message was ultimately fulfilled, and the Israelites were taken into captivity as judgement by God for their sin. The reason for this was the Mosaic Covenant God had with the nation Israel was one of blessings and cursing's depending on their obedience to God.

For us today, we are in the Dispensation of Grace. Our sin has been judged at the cross. Our debt has been paid. However, God may lovingly discipline us for our own edification.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Hebrews 12:5-11
 - a. Why do we discipline our children?
 - b. Why would God discipline us?
2. How might God discipline us?
 - a. By the Word of God – (Hebrews 4:12)
 - b. By the Holy Spirit – (John 16:8)
 - c. Lost rewards at the Bema Judgment Seat – (1 Cor 3:15; 2 Cor 5:10)
 - d. Natural consequences to sin – (Romans 6:16, 8:13)
 - e. A thorn in the flesh (Kept Paul from pride) – (2 Cor 12:7-9)
 - f. God will prune areas of our life – (John 15:2-6)
 - g. God may impose discipline measures – (1 Cor 11:30)
 - h. Ultimately, God may take our life – (1 Cor 11:28-32)
3. Read Philippians 3:13
 - a. Why do we not need to have an attitude of guilt and shame to past sin?
4. Read 1 John 1:9
 - a. What should we do with sin in our life?

THINK ABOUT IT

Amos was called to take an unpopular message to the Northern Kingdom. We too have an unpopular message to take to the world – that being the Gospel. How are you responding to Gods calling on you?

MEMORISE

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9