

Israel's Refusal to Depart from Iniquity
Amos 6

F. Israel Admonished in the Present to **Depart from Iniquity**

- **Caution to those who are confident that they are **good****
- **Woe = Can I have your **attention**?**

1. The progression of God's **judgment**

a. Obsession with the **comforts of home**

1 **Woe** to them that are at **ease in Zion**,

b. Obsession with the **protection of this world**

and **trust** in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

2 Pass ye unto **Calneh**, and see; and from thence go ye to **Hamath the great**: then go down to **Gath of the Philistines**: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

c. Obsession with removing the **focus of the Day of the Lord**

3 Ye that **put far away the evil day**,

d. Obsession with **violence**

3b ...and cause the **seat** of violence to come near;

e. Obsession with **sexuality**

4 That **lie** upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches,

f. Obsession with Food - **Gluttony**

4b...and **eat the lambs** out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

g. Obsession with **musical entertainment**

5 That **chant** to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

h. Obsession with **intoxication**

6 That **drink wine** in bowls, and **anoint themselves** with the chief ointments: but **they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph**.

2. God's not impressed with Israel's Infatuation with her **stuff**

a. It will cost you your freedom

7 Therefore **now shall they go captive with the first that go captive**, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8 The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, **I abhor the excellency (pride) of Jacob, and hate his palace: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.**

b. It will cost you your life

9 And it shall come to pass, **if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.**

c. It will cost you your family

10 And a **man's uncle (beloved family member)** shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, **Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.**

d. It will cost you your strength

11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and **he will smite the great house** with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? for ye have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, **Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?**

14 But, behold, **I will raise up against you a nation**, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and **they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.**