

Bible Study Questions 24th August 2025 - Amos 9:1-15

Discussion Starter

If you could hide anywhere in the world and not be found for a whole day, where would you go?

We live in a world full of security cameras, online tracking, and digital footprints. Does the idea of being constantly seen make you feel safer or more uneasy?

Introduction

Amos 9 closes the book with a sobering warning but also with incredible hope. It reminds us that no one can escape God's judgment—He sees all and holds us accountable. Yet God's last word is not judgment but restoration. He promises to raise up the "booth of David," pointing us to Jesus, the one who brings salvation and renewal. In this chapter we see both the seriousness of sin and the greatness of God's mercy.

Read Amos 9:1-15

What stands out to you, or what do you notice? What questions are raised for you? What challenges you?

Questions

- 1. In Amos 9:1–4, what stands out to you about the imagery—temple thresholds, digging into Sheol, climbing to heaven, hiding on Mount Carmel, or going into exile? What does this tell us about the total reach of God's judgment?
- 2. Amos 9:5–6 shifts to a picture of God's majestic power over creation. How does this contrast with the earlier verses of judgment? How should remembering God's greatness shape the way we respond to His warnings?
- 3. In verse 7, God compares Israel to other nations (the Cushites, Philistines, and Arameans). Why might He do this? What does it reveal about God's justice and His dealings with all peoples?
- 4. In verse 10, God singles out "the sinners of my people." What does this mean? How is it a warning to those who are religiously complacent?
- 5. What strikes you about the contrast between the judgment of Amos 9:1–10 and the restoration in Amos 9:11–15? What does this reveal about God's heart and ultimate desire for His people?
- 6. Amos ends with hope after judgment. How does this reflect the gospel message—that while we cannot escape God's judgment, we can run to Christ for salvation?
- 7. Amos shows that God deals justly with all nations, including His own people. How does this deepen our understanding of our need for Jesus, who takes the judgment we deserve?

Application

How should we live as people of hope, not despair, in light of God's promise of restoration through Jesus?