

Woe to the Proud and Rich

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Text: Amos 6

I. Woe to the Self-Indulgent Rich

- A. "You cannot serve God and Mammon" (Matt 6:19-24)

- B. Riches Cannot Save (6:8, 11)

- C. Comfort Desensitizes Us to Injustice (6:6, 12; 2 Kings 20:16-19; Luke 16:19-31)

- D. Riches Easily Lead to Pride (Deut 8:17-18; Luke 12:13-21)

II. Woe to the Self-Confident Proud

- A. Pride Puts Itself First (6:1, 6, 7)

- B. Pride Is Hollow but Blinding (6:13; John 3:27; 1 Cor 4:7)

- C. Pride Provokes the Lord's Anger (6:8-11, 14; Luke 18:14)

Reflection Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What similarities do you see between the prophecies of Amos and the teaching of Jesus?
2. What are the temptations for a Christian living in an affluent society today?
3. In what ways has American culture shaped your view of money? How does this relate to a biblical view of money and other material blessings?
4. If the Lord suddenly blessed you with great wealth, how would it change your life? How do you think it would affect your spiritual life?
5. How does the gospel deliver us from the idolatry of riches? How does it save us from our pride?