

“The man who fears no truths
has nothing to fear from lies.”
—Thomas Jefferson

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What about the man?

The words of Amos, who was
among the shepherds of Tekoa,
which he saw concerning Israel in
the days of Uzziah king of Judah and
in the days of Jeroboam the son of
Joash, king of Israel, two years before
the earthquake. —Amos 1:1 ESV

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I Corinthians 1:26-29

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“I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son,
but I was a herdsman and a dresser of
sycamore figs.” —Amos 7:14 ESV

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“Something—a backlash against
religion’s worst sins, a political
climate that wants to stamp out
religion in public life, the popular
rise of atheism, amplified access
to polarizing points of view,
something—is making it
increasingly difficult to practice
faith in our society...

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For many people of faith, it's becoming harder to live their convictions outside of their religious communities. It feels as though forces are pushing religion to the margins. In fact, to millions faith is either irrelevant or bad news. 'Religion poisons everything' declares the subtitle of one of the best feeling books of our new century."
—David Kinsman & Gabe Lyons

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What was the message?

- Denouncing Sin
- Pronouncing Sentence
- Announcing Salvation

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Amos 4:1-2, 4-5, 12

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Amos 5:10-13

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"I can't stand your religious meetings. I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religion projects, your pretentious slogans and goals. I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes, your public relations and image making.

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I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. When was the last time you sang to me? Do you know what I want? I want justice—oceans of it. I want fairness—rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want."

—Amos 5:21-24 ESV

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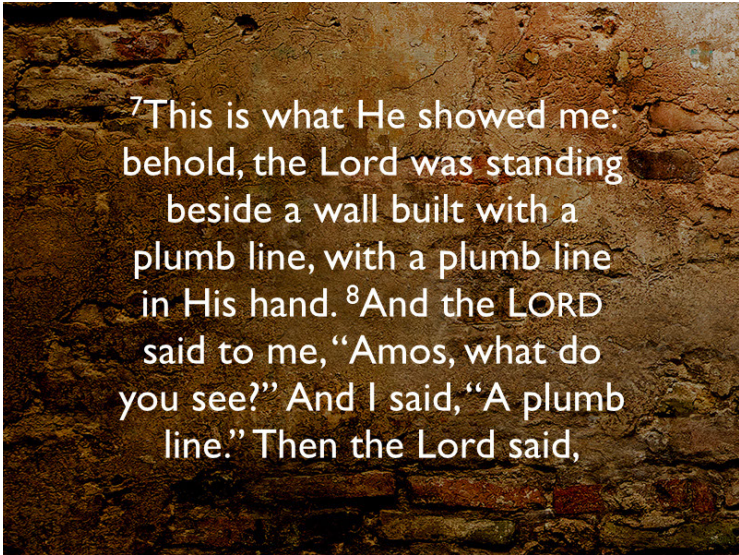
Amos 6:1-8

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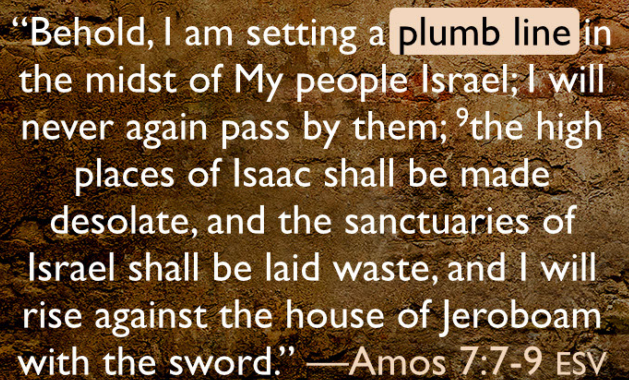
“An unmanned SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket exploded on the launch pad during a test Thursday morning, destroying the rocket and an Israeli satellite called Amos-6.”

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⁷This is what He showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

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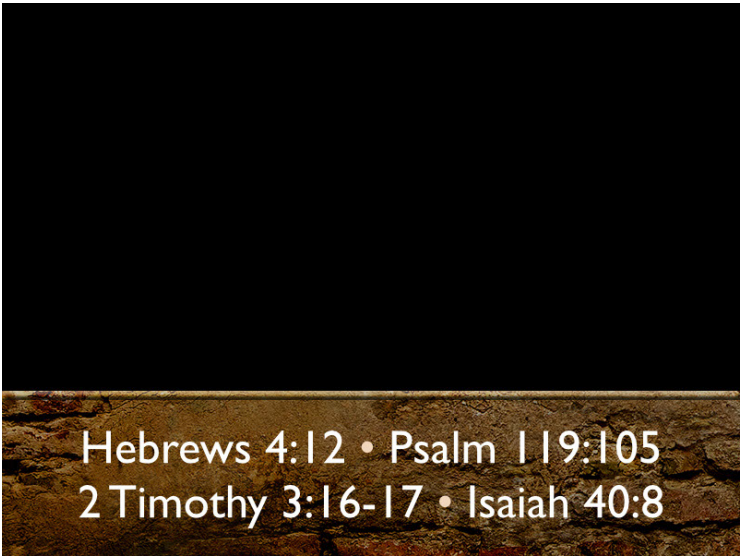
“Behold, I am setting a **plumb line** in the midst of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” —Amos 7:7-9 ESV

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Amos 2:12

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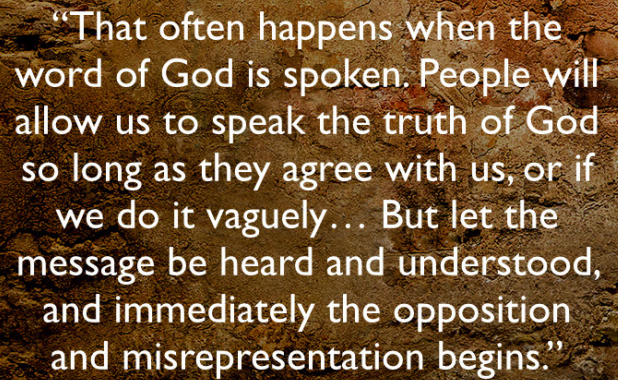
Hebrews 4:12 • Psalm 119:105
2 Timothy 3:16-17 • Isaiah 40:8

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Test of Misrepresentation Amos 7:10-11

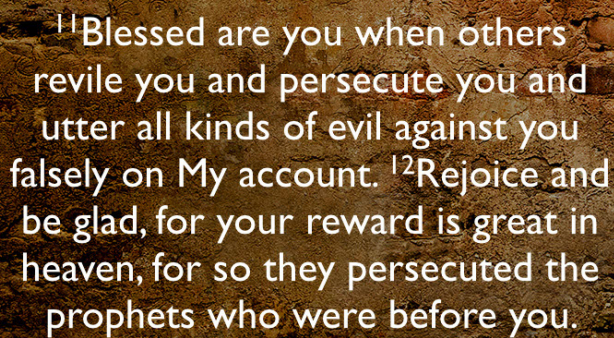
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“That often happens when the word of God is spoken. People will allow us to speak the truth of God so long as they agree with us, or if we do it vaguely... But let the message be heard and understood, and immediately the opposition and misrepresentation begins.”

—James M. Boice

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¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

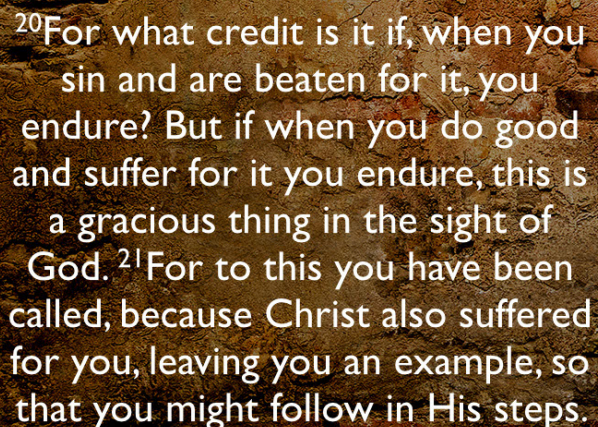
—Matthew 5:11-12 ESV

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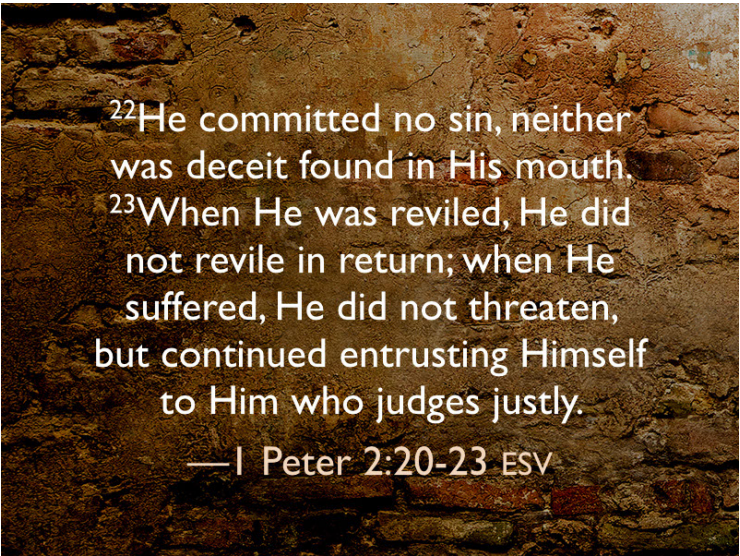
Test of Self-Interest Amos 7:12

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²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

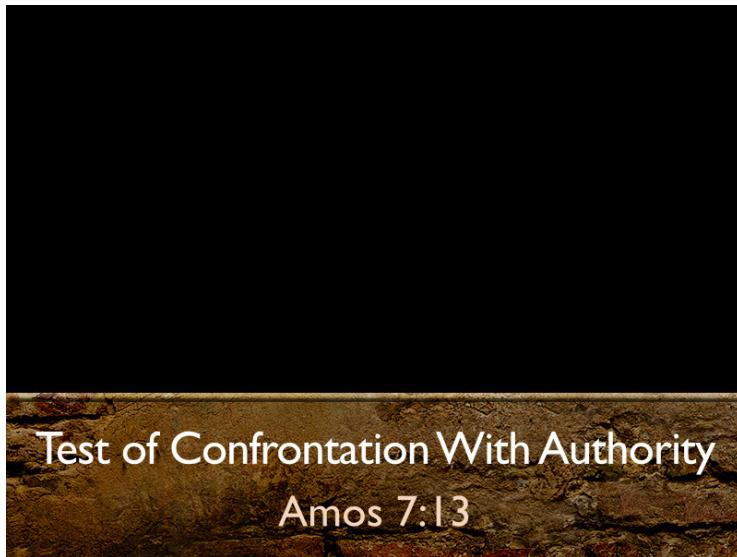
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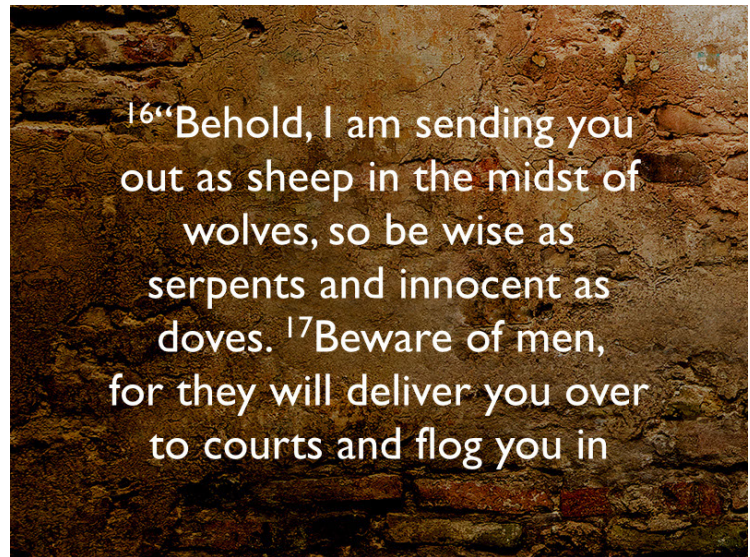
²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. ²³When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.

—1 Peter 2:20-23 ESV

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