



The Line

(Key scripture Amos 7:1-8)

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Psalms 19:4

⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,



Judgment – seen positively

1. Learn how to live life
2. Prepare to meet God – Amos 4:12 (“Prepare to meet your God, O Israel)
3. That we do not take God’s love and mercy for granted



Amos 7:1-6

¹ Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, He formed locust swarms at the beginning of the late crop; indeed *it* was the late crop after the king's mowings.

² And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said:

“O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray!
Oh, that Jacob may stand,
For he *is* small!”

³ So the LORD relented concerning this.
“It shall not be,” said the LORD.



⁴ Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, the Lord GOD called for conflict by fire, and it consumed the great deep and devoured the territory.

⁵ Then I said:

“O Lord GOD, cease, I pray!
Oh, that Jacob may stand,
For he *is* small!”

⁶ So the LORD relented concerning this.

“This also shall not be,” said the Lord GOD.



#1 God's mercy is new every day

God's mercy:

- *when God relents on judgment – we do not see it*
- *when judgment happens much later – we do not see it yet*

God's mercy is new every day (Jeremiah)



Romans 2:4

⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?



Amos 7:7-8

⁷ Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall *made* with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.

⁸ And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?”

And I said, “A plumb line.”

Then the Lord said:

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line
In the midst of My people Israel;
I will not pass by them anymore.



#2 Straightness check on my life

God is setting a plumbline in the midst of the people (Amos 7:7-8)

Isaiah 28:17

Also I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plummet; the hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place.



#2 Straightness check on my life

- Transgression is anything that is against a law or command
- Do justice and righteousness to one another
- We are to be brother's keepers



Amos 1-2

- For three transgressions and four (Mentioned Seven Times)



Psalms 82:3

³ Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.



Amos 1:9

⁹ Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment*,
Because they delivered up the whole captivity to
Edom,
And did not remember the covenant of
brotherhood.



Cain & Abel (Genesis 4)

³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

⁶ So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?”

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”



#3 Level check on my life

Ministry to God (tithes, gatherings, prayer, and worship) should move us to do good to people

Making one more important than the other is imbalance

Amos 5:24 But let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.

- There is a river of water of life from the throne of God mentioned in Rev 22



Amos 5:21-23

²¹ “I hate, I despise your feast days,
And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

²² Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your
grain offerings,

I will not accept *them*,

Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.

²³ Take away from Me the noise of your songs,
For I will not hear the melody of your stringed
instruments.



Amos 5:4

⁴ For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:
“Seek Me and live;

Amos 5:6

⁶ **Seek the LORD and live,**
Lest He break out like fire *in* the house of Joseph,
And devour *it*,
With no one to quench *it* in Bethel—



Amos 5:5

⁵ But do not seek Bethel,
Nor enter Gilgal,
Nor pass over to Beersheba;
For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,
And Bethel shall come to nothing.



Amos 5:14

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
That you may live;
So the LORD God of hosts will be with you,
As you have spoken.



Amos 5:24

²⁴ But let justice run down like water,
And righteousness like a mighty stream.



Revelation 22:1

¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.



The Three points

1. God's mercy is new every day
2. Straightness check on my life
3. Level check on my life

Righteousness is on us when we have Christ and we live it out. Let my life be a blessing!

Amos 5:24 But let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.

