



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

Woe To The Complacent And Proud! (Amos 5:18-6:14)

At the time of the Exodus, God brought judgement upon Egypt, but passed over his people. This time rather than passing over Israel, God says he will pass through their midst (v17).

Read Amos 5:18-27

1. Why might the Israelites be looking forward to the Day of the Lord?
2. How does God feel about their religious activities? Why does God refuse to accept them?
3. Sikkuth and Kiyun were Assyrian gods. What is God saying will happen to the Israelites when the Day of the Lord comes to them?

Within 50 years of Amos's prophecies, Israel was overrun by the Assyrians. The day of the Lord came for that generation.

Read 2 Peter 3:8-13,17-18

4. ***What does the final day of the Lord bring?***
5. ***Is the day of the Lord something we, as followers of Christ, should desire?***

Read Amos 6

6. Calneh, Hamath and Gath were foreign cities that had recently been overthrown. What point is being made by the questions in verse 2 & 3?

7. Lo-debar and Karnaim (v13) were small border cities recently recaptured by Israel. In Hebrew the word lo-debar means 'nothing'. What is God's assessment of their boasting?

8. Consider the images piled up in verses 4-6. What kind of lifestyle is being pictured here?

9. God had promised to bless his people in the land (Deuteronomy 28:1-14), so what's the problem? (Note verses 6b & 12)

10. What does God have in store for them?

11. What do verses 9-11 say about the thoroughness of the coming judgement?

12. At the heart of this chapter is verse 8. What is the underlying attitude that provokes this destruction from the hand of the Lord?

- 13. What danger does prosperity have for God's people? (See Luke 12:15-21, 1 Timothy 6:6-10)**

- 14. Compared to many, we are wealthy and secure. How do we live rightly with these privileges?**

- 15. As a community here at St Mary's, what might we be tempted to take pride and boast in?**

- 16. How can we celebrate the good things God is doing for us without becoming complacent or proud?**