JUST DO IT Amos 7:10-17

Text:

Introduction:

Around the year 787 B.C. there came a man from Tekoa, to cry out against the sins of mankind. The man's name was Amos.

It was in Bethel that he gave a scathing message of judgment against not only surrounding countries, but against Israel.

God sent a man to cry out against their sins. We can see in this passage some important truths that apply to us today.

1. A COMMON MAN (VS14)

- A. He was no professional clergyman (14a)
- B. He was a common laborer (14b)

Note:

(1 Cor 1:26-29 KJV) "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: {27} But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; {28} And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: {29} That no flesh should glory in his presence."

C. Most of the people God uses are just everyday working people.

2. A COMPELLING CALL (15)

- A. He was not seeking such a call (busy at his work)
- B. The Lord took him or called him. (15a)
- C. The Lord told him what to say. (15b)
 - 1. Go (15c)
 - 2. Prophecy (15d)
 - 3. Unto my people Israel (15e)
- D. The call conflicted with man's counsel

- 1. Amaziah said, "Go flee" (12-13)
- 2. God said, "Go prophesy" (15)

3. A COMMITTED SERVANT (16-17)

- A. Too often we get discouraged in the work of God.
- B. The Spirit of this world will seek to discourage and silence us.
 - 1. Go away (12a)
 - 2. Go back where you came from (12b)
 - 3. We don't want you here "prophesy not" (13a)
 - 4. You are an intruder "this is the king's chapel and court" (13b)
- C. Amos understood what Amaziah was saying.(16)
- D. But Amos had a higher command (17a) "Thus saith the Lord"
- E. It was a hard message to preach. (17b)

1. Was not only going to affect all of Israel, but Amos as well.

Conclusion:

Things have not changed much since the days of Amos. Our great need is still to get God's message out in spite of opposition, to a lost perishing world. Just do it.