

The Lord Appears, part 1

Amos 5:24 – *let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.*

1. False Worship will destroy False Worshippers –v 1

2. No man can escape from God – v. 1-4

3. Why such judgment came?

4. God Has All Power – v. 5-6

5. Special Privilege brings Special Expectations – v 7

6. Discipline involves Destruction – v. 8-10

7. What kind of sinners are doomed – v. 10

Praxis

1. Review this week's Catechism Question and Answer
2. Does the vision of God in Amos 9:1-4 comfort or disturb you? Why?
3. Consider the phrase "Redemption without Relationship"... why do people secretly crave this from God? What Gospel truths show us this is not what God desires?
4. Why does God's fatherly discipline always in some way require destruction? (i.e., what is God's design for such "destruction"?) What might this "destruction" look like in the life of a believer? How should this color our response to God's personal discipline on us?
5. Thought Question: Consider and discuss how you might explain to a non-believer how God's absolute judgment upon sinners is not merely an expression of His holiness, but also an expression of His merciful love for His own people.