

# When God Calls The Common: Amos

## Amos 9:11-12

### **Amos 9:11**

*(KJV) In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:*

*(NIV) "In that day "I will restore David's fallen shelter— I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins— and will rebuild it as it used to be,*

Normally, after a deconstruction or demolition of a large structure, the remaining piles of broken concrete, dishevelled steel, splintered wood and drywall are collected by a bulldozer's massive shovel, loaded onto a dump truck, and carried away to a garbage depot. When God destroys and deconstructs—as He will here with the epic reduction of David's house to a mere shelter—He immediately sets His mind to redemption and, gloriously, to *restoration!*

*Oh, great covenant-keeping God!*

Amos speaks of a future hope—which all Jesus followers enjoy today and forever as we continue to trust in Him. This is the great Redeemer in action, restoring things as they used to be in the days of David and Solomon. Beloved, the future is indeed bright for you and I—as we look back at all the devil, the flesh, and the world have stolen from us like locusts:

### **Joel 2:18-27**

*Then the LORD was jealous for his land and took pity on his people. The LORD replied to them: "I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations. "I will drive the northern horde far from you, pushing it into a parched and barren land; its eastern ranks will drown in the Dead Sea and its western ranks in the Mediterranean Sea. And its stench will go up; its smell will rise." Surely he has done great things! Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things! Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm— my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.*

Praise Him today. Oh, praise Him today!

\*QUESTION FOR MEDITATION: Recall a time when you were at the centre of God's great restoration. How did He specifically restore your mind and heart? What attributes of God became especially dear to you during this time? In what ways did you offer thanks to Him?

\*STUDY POINT: Find three Old Testament passages in which God supernaturally restored His people. What did you learn about your God through these historical true stories? How would you personalize any one of these God-sized accounts?

### **Amos 9:12**

*(KJV) That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.*

*(NIV) so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD, who will do these things.*

It is true that the Israelites will be punished for their disobedience to near extinction, along with their great walls, fortresses, and homes. It is true that the Davidic monarchy will be crushed and reduced to a gasping corpse. It is true that the justice of the Lord will prevail and humble the proud.

Ah, but hear this...

It is also true that God will keep His covenant to preserve a remnant, He will ensure that the house of David is reconstructed and that the Davidic monarchy once again rules Edom—that is all the nations of the world called by His holy name.

And He will glorify His name and *restore, gloriously restore!*

Hallelujah!

~ Reverend Darren McClelland