

**IGNORANCE REGARDING**  
**RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
**Amos 3**

**God wants us to know righteousness and do it,  
but sometimes we don't.**

**I. CONDITIONS (1-2)**

- God Summons

**A. BECAUSE YOU ARE PRIVILEGED (1-2a)**

1. God had delivered them from Egypt (1)
2. God had favored them above others (2a)

**B. GOD WILL PUNISH (2b)**

1. For all their iniquities
2. With their privilege came responsibility - See also Luke 12:48

**II. COMMUNICATION (3-8)**

- God Speaks

**A. THE ILLUSTRATIONS (3-6)**

- Examples of cause and effect

**B. THE EMPHASIS (7-8)**

1. God Reveals (7)
  - Revealing secrets through prophets
2. Prophets Repeat (8)
  - God uses human messengers to convey His word

**III. CORRUPTION (9-10)**

- God Charges

**A. GOD'S WITNESSES (9)**

1. Assembling Ashdod and Egypt
  - Two witnesses were required to verify a truth
2. Observing Samaria
  - a. Her tumults: A state of chaos and fear on her streets
  - b. Her oppressions: Injustices, especially toward the disadvantaged

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## B. GOD'S CASE (10)

1. Israel is Ignorant
  - a. About doing right - cf. Is. 59:4
    - They are morally warped and calloused by carnality
  - b. Not about knowing right
    - Theirs is a rebellion ... a deliberate disregard - See James 4:17
2. Israel is Indifferent
  - a. Violent: Practicing assault with lawless corruption
  - b. Devastating: Stealing or robbery including other crimes against people
3. Israel is Insatiable
  - Never satisfied so constantly hoarding more misdeeds

## IV. CONSEQUENCES (11-15)

- God Judges

### A. MILITARILY (11)

- An enemy will surround, weaken and loot - See II Kings 17:5

### B. PHYSICALLY (12)

- Their destruction will be savage and severe

### C. RELIGIOUSLY (13-14)

1. God's declaration (13)
2. Israel's demise (14) > No atonement and no asylum

### D. SOCIALLY (15)

- The luxury homes come to an end

## CONCLUSION:

**“Hear this word (1a) ... Declares the Lord (15b)**

### **Consider I Peter 4:17**

1. A proclamation: For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God;
2. A potential: and if *it begins* with us first,
3. The possibilities: what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

### **Do we know what's right?**

- *Are we doing it?*