

NO HIDING PLACE

Amos 9:1-10

None can hide from the wrath of God
His attributes testify to His destructive intentions

I. THE OMINOUS LORD (1)

A. HIS POSITION

1. Standing: Getting ready to take action
2. Beside the altar
 - a. This is the idolatrous altar at Bethel - See I Kings 12:31-33
 - b. The Lord is the unseen deity observing their idolatry

B. HIS PROCLAMATION

1. Smite the shrine: Crushing the idol and the idolaters
2. Slay the survivors: Piercing them with the sword

C. HIS PLAN

- None escape

II. THE OMNIPRESENT LORD (2-4)

A. GOD'S PRESENCE

- Similar to what's described in Psalm 139:7-10

1. In Sheol ... His hand (2a)
2. In Heaven ... His reach (2b)
3. On Carmel ... His search (3a)
4. On the ocean floor ... His command (3b)
5. Among enemies ... His command (4a)

B. GOD'S PURPOSE

- Determined to do them evil and not good! (4b)

C. MAN'S PERIL

- The awful terror of being doomed ... marked for destruction

III. **THE OMNIPOTENT LORD** (5-6)

A. HIS NATURE (5-6a)

1. He touches (5)
2. He builds (6a)
3. He pours (6b)

B. HIS NAME (6b)

1. The Lord: Yahweh
2. The covenant-keeping One
3. The One with power and majesty

IV. **THE OMNISCIENT LORD** (7-10)

A. I CAN IGNORE YOU (7a)

- Ethiopians were unimportant and insignificant

B. I CAN TRANSPLANT ANYONE (7b)

1. God moves people
2. Israel's not that special

C. I CAN DESTROY THE SINFUL (8a)

1. God's focus: Laser sharp
2. God's threat: Total destruction
3. God's thought: Needing no one's permission

D. I CAN SPARE SOME (8b-9)

1. Not destroying ... repenters and southerners
2. Shaking: Mixing them up and dispersing them everywhere
3. Keeping: None falls to the ground wasted or useless

E. I CAN SURPRISE SINNERS (10)

1. Their curse: Death by the sword
2. Their confidence: We won't face calamity!

CONCLUSION: We can't hide from God, and that's terrifying - See Hebrews 10:30-31

No sinner can escape the wrath of God without Jesus Christ - See Romans 5:8-9