TERMINAL CONDITION

Amos 2:6-16

Ignorance is no blessing and callousness is no comfort, we need to know of our terminal condition

I. **ISRAEL'S FAULTS** (6-8)

- A. INJUSTICE (6)
 - Corruptions and callousness
- B. OPPRESSION (7a)
 - Toward the helpless and humble
- C. IMMORALITY (7b)
 - Obtaining a household concubine for immoral pleasure
- D. MOCKERY (8)
 - With garments and wine

II. **ISRAEL'S FAVOR** (9-11)

- "Yet" in contrast to all of this ...

A. IN THE PAST (9-10)

- 1. God was destroying the enemy (9)
- 2. God was delivering from Egypt (10)

B. IN THE PRESENT (11a)

- 1. Raising prophets from among their sons
- 2. Calling Nazirites from among their youth

C. NOW PONDER (11b)

- 1. Is this not so?
- 2. God was faithful, though they were faulty

III. ISRAEL'S FIERCENESS (12-13)

- "Despite all that God had done for them, they remain faithful only to their infidelity." [Shalom Paul, "Amos," p. 87]

A. CORRUPTING THE NAZIRITES (12a)

- They didn't like what they saw

B. QUIETING THE PROPHETS (12b)

- They didn't like what they said

C. COLLAPSING THE LORD (13)

- They wouldn't deal with their sin

IV. ISRAEL'S FALL (14-16)

- A. THE PREDICTIONS: You will not escape
 - A total collapse of their armed forces
- B. THE PERIL: "In that day"
 - Israel fell to the Assyrian army 30 years later in 722 BC

C. THE PRONOUNCEMENT: "Declares the Lord"

- 1. Their brazen defiance would not be forever tolerated
- 2. Their death certificate was signed and sealed by God

V. OUR FOCUS

A. ABSTAIN FROM INIQUITY - II Timothy 2:19

- 1. Question: Are we truly sin free?
- 2. Consideration: Are we really right with God?

B. OBSERVE GOD'S WARNING - Revelation 3:1-3

- 1. Review! (1)
- 2. Revive! (2)
- 3. Repent! (3a)
- 4. Remember! (3b)

CONCLUSION: The disobedient died because they denied their cure!

- Their condition was terminal only because they refused treatment
- They wouldn't repent and therefore couldn't revive!

Do you have a terminal condition?