



AMOS

THE
LORD
ROARS

Amos 6:1-14

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Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³ O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴ “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches,

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and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

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⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

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⁸ The Lord God has sworn by himself, declares the Lord, the God of hosts:

“I abhor the pride of Jacob and hate his strongholds, and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.”

Amos 6:1-14

⁹ And if ten men remain in one house, they shall die. ¹⁰ And when one's relative, the one who anoints him for burial, shall take him up to bring the bones out of the house, and shall say to him who is in the innermost parts of the house,

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“Is there still anyone with you?” he shall say, “No”; and he shall say, “Silence! We must not mention the name of the Lord.”

¹¹ For behold, the Lord commands, and the great house shall be struck down into fragments, and the little house into bits.

Amos 6:1-14

¹² Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen? But you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood—¹³ you who rejoice in Lo-debar, who say, “Have we not by our own strength captured Karnaim for ourselves?”

Amos 6:1-14

¹⁴ “For behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel,” declares the Lord, the God of hosts; “and they shall oppress you from Lebo-hamath to the Brook of the Arabah.”

Woe to Those at Ease

A life of faith alone in Christ alone means that we must be cautious of the comfort that material things bring.



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Comfort can lead to complacency



com·pla·cen·cy

/kəm'plāsənsē/

noun

a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
"the figures are better, but there are no grounds for complacency"

Similar:

smugness

self-satisfaction

self-approval

self-approbation

self-admiration



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Complacency feeds pride

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Position

Power

Prosperity

Privilege

PRIDE



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Amos 6:4-6

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Amos 6:8-11

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1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Luke 6:24-26

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Revelation 3:17-19

For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen,

Revelation 3:17-19

and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

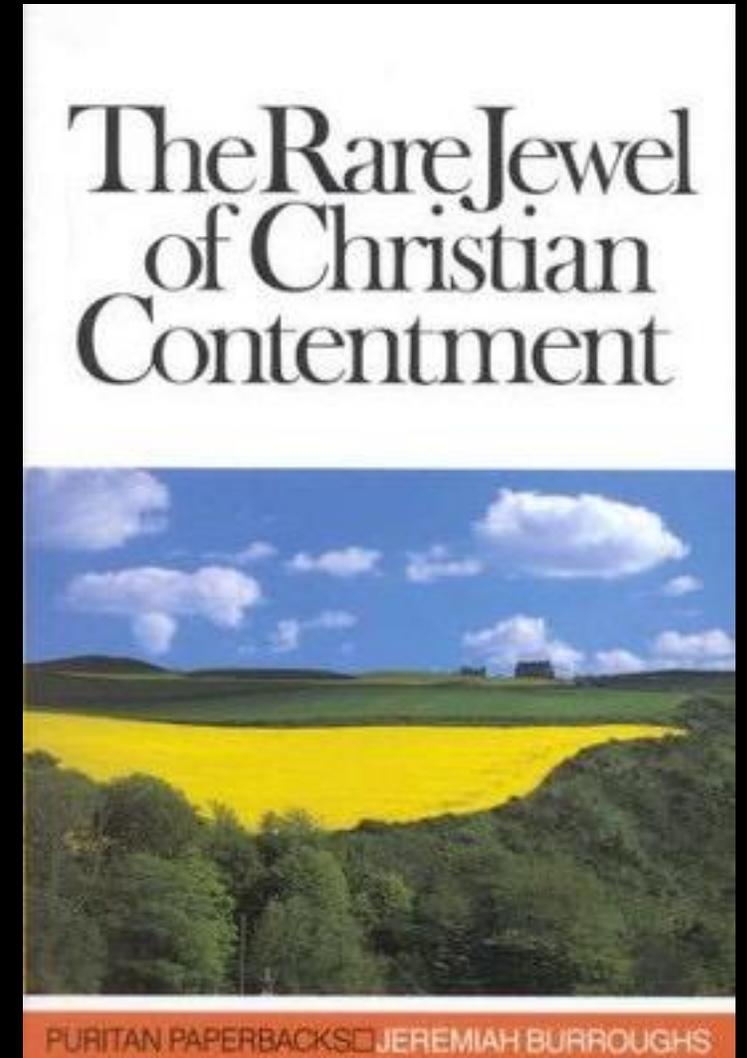
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How to fight idolatrous complacency:

1. Cultivate Gratitude

“Worship is not only doing what pleases God, but also being pleased with what God does”.

-Jeremiah Burroughs



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How to fight idolatrous complacency:

1. Cultivate Gratitude
2. Embrace the Discipline of Denial

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Both the heart of entitlement and the heart of gratitude will ask, “Why Me?”

Entitlement: Why Me? Why didn't you answer my prayer the way I wanted. Why Me? What have I done to deserve this

Gratitude: Why Me? Why have you been so good/gracious to me?

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How to fight idolatrous complacency:

1. Cultivate Gratitude
2. Embrace the discipline of denial
3. Be Generous