

Wednesdays with Amos:  
Do you think God's prophet could be talking to me?

“Woe to those who only live for today,  
Indifferent to the fate of others!  
“Woe to the playboys, the playgirls,  
Who think life is a party held just for them!  
“Woe to those addicted to feeling good – life without pain!  
Those obsessed with looking good – life without wrinkles!”  
Amos 6: 3-4

These words flow from Amos to Israel when Jeroboam was king,  
About 786 – 746 BC, under whose rule  
Israel enjoyed prosperity.

Interesting;  
In the midst of the relatively peaceful times and affluence  
Comes Amos proclaiming a word about God's anguish.  
Shouldn't God be pleased?  
Isn't the relative peace and well-being indicative of God's favor?  
Apparently not  
Amos has a different word  
A word of warning and condemnation

Wednesday mornings find me up and over at Augsburg College  
With a half dozen others  
Opening this Book of Faith  
Sharing the word and wrestling  
With it and with one another  
This morning the invitation had been to read Amos  
Looking for the prophet's word for us –  
I, too easily, use the prophets on others or to justify my positions  
Nice use of the Bible, huh?  
Woe unto me  
The prophet calls out into this present day  
To us  
To me  
We are invited back into the neighborhood of God  
Not as we are, but as God would have me!  
In the midst of the prophet's cry  
Is the good news that God would have us,  
But never leave us as we are.  
Something akin to Jesus preaching: “Repent!”  
That is, to turn away from the way we have been living  
Which is quite consistent with what Amos has to say about  
The neighborhood of God's people.  
Gather with your neighbors this Sunday:

**Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 or 10:30 AM and/or Lautum at 6:30 PM.  
University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 and 10:30 AM – Mercy Seat at 5  
PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church (at Augustana's Chapel) at 8:45 or 11 AM.**

Peace, friends

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