

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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Amos 6

1. What is God correcting Israel for now, according to 6:1?
 - a. The terrible sin and idol worship.
 - b. He says woe to you who are complacent.
 - c. He says woe to you who feel secure.

2. What does God mean when he addresses complacency and feelings of security?
 - a. I don't, it doesn't sound like as big a deal as what we talked about before, so I'm just going to skip over this part.
 - b. Complacent means "showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
 - c. Essentially, it is arrogance. Feeling good about where you are without assessing whether you are actually in a good place (uncritical).
 - d. It means you've stopped growing...that you've stopped looking for things in your life that could still be improved...that you've settled for how far you've come and stopped thinking about where God might want to take you. The fact that you are "uncritical" means you've probably stopped listening to what God might have to say about where he wants to take you.

3. What are the understood answers to the questions in verse 2?
 - a. Of course, Israel thought they were better than those kingdoms. He knew they would answer yes.
 - b. Well, I think (based on verse 7) that he was about to bring down the hammer. The cities that they felt superior to would last longer than them. They would be the first to go into exile. Maybe not better like they thought.

4. What does God say in 6:8 about Israel??
 - a. Well, of course, they are his chosen people.
 - b. He abhors their pride and detests their fortresses.
 - c. The God who is "supposed to be" available for their protection is instead delivering up the city and everything in it. There is nothing there worth protecting.

5. Why, in verses 9-10, do they say we must not mention the name of the Lord?
 - a. I don't know, that part doesn't make sense.
 - b. Because his name is not a magic word. They have made themselves his enemy and therefore they do not want to hear about what he is doing. His name is finally revered and respected as it should be...but it shouldn't have taken this to make it that way.

6. What about you? Are you complacent and prideful, thinking you are fine and don't need to grow, and trusting in God's name as if it was a magic word instead of seeking his will?
