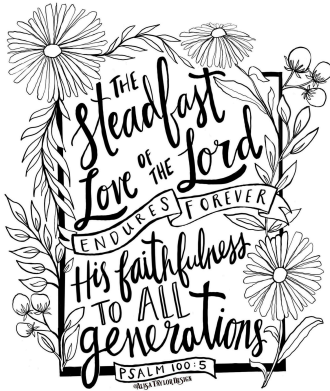


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April 27, 2025

Welcome!



"When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'"

Join us at 6:00pm for another lesson from Ken Palmer

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Prayer List

Kim Waller is having foot surgery

Debbie Roper, Olivia Agee's mother, is undergoing testing to determine the cause of her mobility issues

Barbara Craig, Faye Head's sister-in-law, has fallen and broken her hip

Darlene Baxter is undergoing cancer treatment

Remember the **Ross** family in the loss of their 3 year old son Franklin

Continue to pray for: **Ina Sands**, the **Kirk** family, the **Paul** family, **James Gupton**, the **John Hayes** family, **Brian West** family, **Rebecca Brown**, **Donnie Garrett**, **Camille Brosky**, and **Bill Gillock**



We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we continue our study of Hebrews

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Sam Baker

Prayer:
Johnny Walker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Dwight Pennington

Wait On Table:
Jeff Baker

Serve:
Mike Reed
Jerry Butterworth

Prayer:
Eddie Walker

Service Times

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| Sunday Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 am |
| Sunday PM Worship | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 pm |

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You Only Have I Known (Amos 3:2)

We have recently been going through a **survey** of the Minor Prophets on Sunday evenings. I've been transparent about my shortcomings when attempting to deliver lessons that summarize a section of scripture or a book of the Bible. The root of this struggle comes from the inevitable encounters with passages where I want to dig much deeper than a survey will allow.

This past Sunday, while covering the book of Amos, one of these types of passages appeared:

Amos 3:2 (ESV) *"You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."*

There is SO MUCH to unpack here! Amos prophesied God's Word to Israel (**1:1**) just before their defeat by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. (**II Kings 17**). The verse above comes amid God's message concerning their religious hypocrisy (**5:10-13, 21-24**), idolatry (**3:13-15**), and impending exile (**6:7**).

When God says, "**You only have I known of all the families of the earth**", it carries the idea that He had given them EVERYTHING as His chosen people (**Gen 12:1-3**). Consider Paul's words about the Jews:

Romans 9:4-5 (ESV) - *They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever.*

Since God had given them EVERYTHING, He expected faithfulness to Him in return! They had countless opportunities to demonstrate their **faithfulness** but had instead **failed** Him over and over again. In view of their repeated failures, God tells them He has no choice but to "**punish you for all your iniquities.**"

What About Us? God's chosen people are no longer defined by race or nation. His people are now those who follow His Son with faith (**Rom 3:21-26; 9:6; Gal 3:7-9**). However, similar to the physical nation of Israel, God has given us EVERYTHING through Jesus. Again, consider the words of Paul:

Romans 5:6-11 (ESV) - *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the **death of his Son**, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

We were completely and totally unworthy (weak, sinners, enemies), but Christ gave us His life, His EVERYTHING, so we can be "saved by His life". What does He expect in return? He expects us to be faithful to Him in EVERYTHING we do (**Col 3:17**). This morning, let's consider our lives in view of what we have been given. Does our life exhibit **faithfulness** or **failure** toward God?