

## MOST HIGH STAKES – PART 3

“Seek and Hide”

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### BIG IDEA

God is our Fortress...  
...only in Him we find security.

Matsuwd = Fortress, key word security  
Psalm 91:2 (NLT)

False Security - Amos 6 (NLT)

- 1) Making Comparisons (vs. 1-2)
- 2) Money (vs. 3-7)
  - Not practicing justice
  - Focusing on self and wealth
- 3) Home/Place we live/ possessions (vs. 8-11)  
Putting your security in your house  
Why did you buy your house?
- 4) Military – Physical Safety (vs. 12-14)

### What can we do?

Amos 5:4-15 – Return to Him  
Put God in His rightful place

Amos 8:11 – Do not lose the word

Psalm 46 – Be still and know that I am God!

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SHARPEN THE POINT

*For further study of today's message*

**Entry Point:** God sent Amos to awaken His people about the way they were living, and warn of the consequences they would face if they did not turn to Him and obey His laws. But Amos also spoke of the future with hope *if* the people would admit their sins and ask for forgiveness. Begin your study by reading the Book of Amos.

What reasons would God have for passing judgment on our society? Discuss the reality of material prosperity vs. moral complacency. Are you more likely to pursue God when things are going right, or when you need/want something?

Who gets the credit when things are going right in your life?  
*Whether God chooses to deliver you from circumstances or not,* do you still serve only Him? How would others know that God is your fortress and your security?

Panic, or fear, confirms your **helplessness** (lack of power). Prayer confirms your **hope**. How would you explain the difference between being helpless and being hopeless? Which attitude do you show the world? What does God see in your heart?

The Book of Amos ends with God's promise of restoration when we seek His forgiveness and live by His Word. It is then that we know the security of His unfailing defense and protection. Where do you stand with God?

*“The LORD Almighty is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress.”  
Psalm 46:7, 11 (NLT)*