

Fully Informed

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Amos 3:7–8 (ESV)

7 “For the Lord GOD does nothing
without revealing HIS secret
to HIS servants the prophets.

8 The lion has roared;
who will not fear?
The Lord GOD has spoken;
who can but prophesy?”

The Lion has roared; The LORD God has spoken! Therefore, we need to pay attention because the LORD God does nothing without first revealing to us what HE is going to do. God reveals HIS secrets to us. The word “Secret” literally means a confidential plan or confidential talk! The Dictionary of Biblical Languages defines “secret” as confiding with confidence, or state of intimacy and trust, “with” a focus on the reliance of secrecy. **God is taking us into HIS confidence and not telling anyone else. We are Fully informed, because God with intimacy and trust has confided in us, HIS children.**

2 Peter 1:19 (ESV)

And we have the prophetic WORD more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place!

We have the prophetic WORD more fully confirmed. We are more fully informed! Christians are to ponder and keep the WORD of God as a lamp shining in a dark place!

The inspired authority of Scripture is totally sufficient for us in this present life! When we look to God in total dependence and reverence, HE will reveal HIS secrets to us.

Psalm 25:14 (NIV)

The LORD confides in those who fear HIM;
HE makes HIS covenant known to them.

When the LORD God speaks; The lion has roared, and there is indeed cause for fear. God has sounded the alarmed. It is Yahweh's voice through HIS prophet that should cause a deep awe in people's hearts. Yahweh has spoken, and no one can contradict HIS Word.

God will act on HIS WORDS, and those who do not listen are destined to have a fearful meeting with God.

Amos 4:12 (ESV)

“Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel;
because I will do this to you,
prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”

The command “Prepare” means the die was cast. The imperative “Prepare to meet your God” has an aura of finality. “To meet your God” is not necessarily a face-to-face, but is an encounter with HIM as HE intervenes in history to effect judgement. The words are an imperative for the people to get ready for the calamity about to befall them. The world is going to hell in a hand basket! God will act!

As with Amos, we have a responsibility! God has confided in us! As Amos, we are called from the most meager of occupations or social backgrounds to declare God's WORD.

Amos 7:14–15 (ESV)

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people.'"

The Almighty God has chosen us to speak HIS truth! God says, "I have confided in you and you are fully informed!" In fact, Jesus says, we are even greater than Amos.

Matthew 11:11 (ESV)

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

John is the greatest of all the OT prophets. However, the least of those in the Kingdom, those born again by trusting Jesus, having received the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit, are greater than John. We are greater than Amos!

Fully Informed speaking as a prophet of God we declare the one solution that will change the world:

Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else (but Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given among men (but Jesus) by which we must be saved.