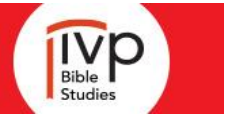


## EXCERPT



### ***The Roar of Justice***

*Hearing God's Relentless Call in the Book of Amos—An 8-Week Bible Study with Video Access*

April 7, 2026 | \$19.99, 176 pages, paperback | 978-1-5140-1158-4

The prophet Amos was a simple shepherd and an unlikely prophet, yet he delivered a powerful message to Israel and its neighbors—a declaration of God's heart for justice. Trusted Bible teacher Vanessa Hawkins invites us to lean in and listen closer to Amos because what was true about God's justice for ancient Israel is also true for us today.

## The Roar of God's Justice Echoes to All Who Are Willing to Hear

INJUSTICE. It's that deep churning of the soul, the kind that presses tightly between your ribs before finally spilling out in exasperation—"This is not right!" The cry of injustice wells up from deep within until it can no longer hold its peace. It's the sentiment of anyone being wronged or defending the cause of another. The sense of injustice is innate in the toddler who declares "that's not fair" or the brave kid who stands up to the playground bully. It's at the core of every march, every protest—from the Boston Tea Party to the civil rights movement. Whether the wrongs represent years of inequity or a cataclysmic event putting the spotlight on a disadvantaged people group, each situation raises the questions: What is justice? What is the standard for what is good and right? And what is our role in making right what is wrong?

To think rightly about justice we must necessarily consider the heart of the Righteous Judge as revealed through the pages of Scripture. It is often the case that we turn to a few verses that explicitly state our need to pursue justice, for example ". . . Seek justice, love mercy, walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8), or "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24). While these passages certainly reflect the Father's heart for justice, they are mere tributaries that flow out of a mighty undercurrent of justice coursing through the entirety of Scripture. In isolation, these passages trickle whispers of disconnected thoughts, but when properly understood, they are one continuous, mighty stream flowing from the unchanging character of God.

The book of Amos is an outflow of this stream, expressing the universal justice of God. As this unlikely shepherd prophet expresses warnings to Israel and surrounding nations, we hear the heart of God expressed not in a whisper but in a roar—for all people and all times. If we listen closely, we hear what God values and what he detests. We hear his desire for the flourishing of humanity and evidence of his righteous rule over all nations. Amos ultimately requires that we look to the day when the Father's justice is satisfied through the death and resurrection of his Son and to the day when he comes again to make all things new. He challenges us to think sober-mindedly as the roar of God's justice echoes to all who are willing to hear. It is my hope that within the pages of this study, you will hear the heart of God and be strengthened to participate in the restorative work he's doing in your part of the world.

### WHAT THIS STUDY IS NOT

The polarizing tenor of our cultural moment complicates just about any discussion on justice. Just mention the word *justice*, and questions and suspicions immediately surface concerning motive and exactly what is meant when you say "justice." Are you talking about social justice? Are you subscribing to some kind of "woke" ideology or a drift toward liberalism? Some will hear the word justice and immediately wonder if this is talking about critical race theory. I want to assure you that this study is about none of the above.

This study was born out of a desire to hear God's heart about justice in a climate where injustices in the broader culture are frequent and polarizing. Resulting fear, injury, and frustration produce many loud voices, but the loudest voice isn't always the voice of truth. To really understand justice, it is necessary that we understand the heart of God who is the Righteous Judge. If justice is something that is optional for God, then it should absolutely be optional for us. But if it is a primary value and an outflow of God's very heart, then it becomes essential that we understand how to participate in his setting things right in his world, by being agents of restoration, a restorative presence in our spheres of influence. It is necessary for us to understand how God thinks about justice.

—taken from the introduction

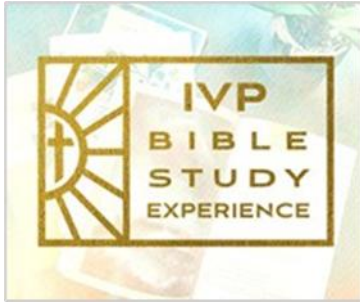


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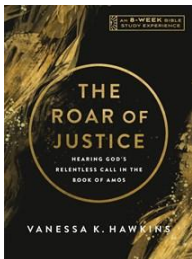
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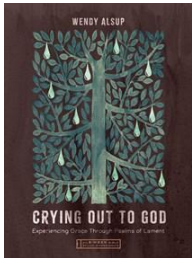
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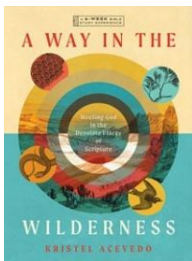


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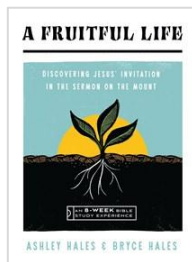


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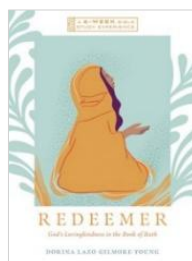


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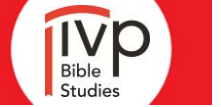
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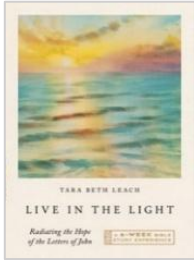
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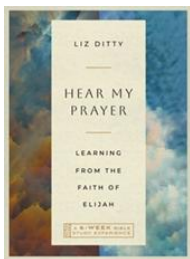


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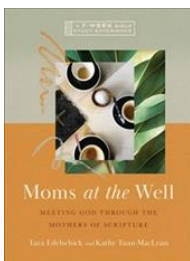


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