

## Messages from the Minor Prophets

### Do Justice

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"There are always going to be poor and needy people among you. So I command you: Always be generous, open purse and hands, give to your neighbors in trouble, your poor and hurting neighbors." *Deuteronomy 15:11 MSG*

God's \_\_\_\_\_

"They **sell** the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals. They **trample** on the heads of the poor ... and **deny justice** to the oppressed... women who **oppress** the poor and **crush** the needy ... **stealing** their grain through taxes and unfair rent... You oppress good people by **taking bribes** and **deprive** the poor of justice in the courts." *2:6-7 NIV; 4:1 NLT; 5:11-12 NLT*

"You people hate anyone who challenges injustice and speaks the whole truth in court." *5:10 GNT (see 7:10-17)*

God's \_\_\_\_\_

"I've hung a **plumb line** in the midst of my people Israel. I've spared them for the last time. This is it!" *7:8 MSG*

"I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the Lord. **People will stagger** from sea to sea and wander from border to border **searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it.**" *Amos 8:11-12 NLT*

"If they dig their way down into the underworld, I'll ... bring them up. If they climb to the stars, I'll ... bring them down. If they hide out at the top of Mount Carmel, I'll ... bring them back. If they dive to the bottom of the ocean, I'll send Dragon to swallow them up. If they're captured alive by their enemies, I'll send

Sword to kill them. **I've made up my mind to hurt them, not help them.**" *9:2-4 MSG*

"Out of all the families on earth, I picked you. Therefore, **because of your special calling**, I'm holding you responsible for all your sins." *3:2 MSG*

God's \_\_\_\_\_

1. Seek \_\_\_\_\_

"**Seek me and live**... You don't want to end up with nothing to show for your life but a pile of ashes." *5:4-6 MSG*

2. Seek \_\_\_\_\_

"Make it your aim to **do what is right**, not what is evil, so that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty really will be with you, as you claim he is. **Hate what is evil, love what is right.**" *5:14-15a GNT*

3. Work \_\_\_\_\_

"**See that justice prevails in the courts.** Perhaps the Lord will be merciful to the people of this nation who are still left alive." *5:14-15b GNT*

"Do you know what I want? **I want justice**—oceans of it. **I want fairness**—rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want." *5:24 MSG*

God's \_\_\_\_\_

"**The days are coming**," says the Lord, "when corn will grow faster than it can be harvested, and grapes will grow faster than the wine can be made. The mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with it." *9:13 GNT*