

# The Child Will Become the Healer

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Amos 8:4-10; 9:7-15

Amos 8:4-7 <sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land. <sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"— skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. <sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done."

1. Refusing to help the poor is not stinginess, it is injustice.

2. A just person says: What I have is God's and is to be shared.

3. A wicked person says: What I have is mine and is to be protected.

Matthew 25:44-45 <sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' <sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "

4. A heart for the poor is a sign of authentic faith.

Amos 9:7 <sup>7</sup> "Are not you Israelites the same to me as the Cushites?" *declares the LORD* . "Did I not bring Israel up from Egypt, the Philistines from Caphtor and the Arameans from Kir?"

Amos 9:11-12 <sup>11</sup> "In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be, <sup>12</sup> so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD, who will do these things.

5. The coming King will bring healing to the nations.

Amos 9:13 <sup>13</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills."

6. The coming King will bring abundance to the world.