

Sermon Outline

Can You Hear Me Now?

A Word to the Fortified Heart

June 27, 2010

Amos

A fortified heart has so many things built up around it that conviction and instruction simply can't get in. Is that why you can't hear God?

Building the Wall

The people of Israel were so _____ and concerned with the sin and failures of the peoples _____ them that were _____ to their own sin and failure.

Fortifying the Defenses

Even after God _____ the people through Amos and told them of the coming judgment, the _____ of the leaders led to denial and _____ of the message.

Bracing for the Attack

God brought judgment – punishment and discipline – on his people. Do not think he will not do the same to _____. He does so to refine, _____, and revive your _____ – to till the hard soil so it can receive the Word.

There are a variety of things that can harden our heart. Much of the time it is pride: an overinflated sense of self importance where we refuse to accept an authority or solution outside of our control. In other cases, our hurts, guilt, and fear and our desire to hide them can harden our heart. In our desire to be right, we refuse to be made right through conviction, confession and repentance. We simply strive on along the broad road trying to bring order out of chaos.

Continue the Study:

2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Psalm 95:1-11

Zechariah 7:8-14

John 21:15-22

Hebrews 3:7-14

1 Samuel 6:6

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Coming Up:

Can You Hear Me Now? : The Distracted Heart

Nahum

Can You Hear Me Now? : The Shallow Heart

Habakkuk

VBS Celebration Sunday

Can You Hear Me Now? : The Comfortable Heart

Malachi