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“Minor Prophets: Eternal Questions”  
Summary of Message of Amos: Does God Care?  
Amos 8:11-12  
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Amos saw a society and a church on its last legs, but nobody else did. It was not only a time of affluence but also of political strength and national stability and expansion. Obviously, seeing things like this, Amos addressed himself to the church. They professed religion, they thought of themselves as walking with God, they held themselves to have quite a precise arrangement with God, they looked forward to the day when He would in a unique way exert Himself to bring the whole world to His heel, for they were confident that on that day they would receive all the honors. The message of Amos is a word to the church, and it touches on three central points. First, Amos declares that privilege brings peril; the church is not exempt from judgment. Secondly, past history cannot take the place of present spiritual and moral commitment. And the third emphasis in Amos’ message to the church is that religious profession and religious practice are invalid – to be more precise, repulsive to God and therefore not just useless but also dangerous – unless verified by clear evidences. Hence, throughout his prophecy, Amos makes clear what are the evidences of true religion.