

“Loving Those on the Inside”
Amos 2:4-10, Unlocking the Old Testament
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- ⁴ Thus says the LORD:
For three transgressions of Judah,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;^b
because they have rejected the law of the LORD,
and have not kept his statutes,
but they have been led astray by the same lies
after which their ancestors walked.
- ⁵ So I will send a fire on Judah,
and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.
- ⁶ Thus says the LORD:
For three transgressions of Israel,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;^c
because they sell the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals—
- ⁷ they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth,
and push the afflicted out of the way;
father and son go in to the same girl,
so that my holy name is profaned;
- ⁸ they lay themselves down beside every altar
on garments taken in pledge;
and in the house of their God they drink
wine bought with fines they imposed.
- ⁹ Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them,
whose height was like the height of cedars,
and who was as strong as oaks;
I destroyed his fruit above,
and his roots beneath.
- ¹⁰ Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt,
and led you forty years in the wilderness,
to possess the land of the Amorite.

1. It is easy to see the way others mistreat people.

2. We must look at the way we treat one another.

3. If we can't love those on the inside how will we love those on the outside?