



[Amos 5:10](#)

(10) They hate him who rebukes in the gate, and they despise him who speaks uprightly.

A Faithful Version

If a person does right, people will begin to persecute him. It may, very sadly, even happen right inside the church.

Amos confirms that the first thing that occurs if we really are undergoing transformation—if we have had an encounter with God—is that we will turn to God's [truth](#). Our attitude will change toward God's truth. The author of [Psalm 119:97](#) says, "O, how I [love](#) Your law!" He was in love with it. To him, it was so good to be able to look into God's Word. If a person loves something, what does he want to do with it? Talk about it! Share it with other people. Is that not what happens to the newly converted person? Indeed, it is. One can almost gauge a person's [conversion](#) by how he loves the Word of [God](#), for "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks."

Amos states these truths so succinctly. All we need to do to understand it positively is turn what he says around backward. If we really do [seek God](#), we are going to love His Word. We will hang on everything that comes out of His mouth—because we will see it for what it is. The most valuable thing a person can possess is the Word of God.

These people in Amos showed every evidence of a refusal to be governed by truth in their lives.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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