

Week 33
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Transforming Daily
“... prepare to meet your God ...”
Amos 4:12

Amos was a shepherd. He was not a professional prophet. More specifically, he was a common man called of God to do His will. God spoke through Amos to the Northern kingdom of Israel. The message was a message of judgment, and yet as always through the prophets, God sent a message of hope. Judgment was certain for those who were unrepentant toward God, and just as hope was sure for all who would believe and live according to His Word. Amos was specific about God's wrath upon Israel and the surrounding nations for their rebellion and unbelief.

God's desire for Israel was (and is, Romans 9-11) to see them return and be reconciled to Him. He took (and takes) no delight in seeing Israel suffer, but He is a just and righteous God. He never changes and neither does His Word. The prophecy of God through Amos contained both a present and future tense of fulfillment. What was present then is now past, but what was future then is still, in part, future. God's desire is still to see Israel repent, and the church to understand its roll in that process.

However, through the writing's of Amos the church can learn some valuable truths. Such as, God is a jealous God. He will not have us worship or seek out any other gods before Him. God is a righteous God. He will not tolerate unrighteous living for or of His name sake. God is a just God. He will not spare His judgment from any who rebel against Him. God is a merciful God. He wills that all would come to salvation. God is a loving God. He disciplines those whom He loves and reconciles to Himself all who would repent of their sins. God is a Holy God. He is unique, and His people are to be peculiar in light of His ways.

How about you? Where do you stand in light of who God is? Are you in right relationship with God? Is there a need for repentance in your life? Does your life reflect the presence of Christ? If not, it is still not too late for you to prepare to meet your God.