

Prepare to Meet God

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Introduction

1. Amos 4:12
2. What would you do if you were to meet the president of the United States?
 - a. When would you start to prepare?
 - b. What would you do to prepare? Shoes (flip flops), clothes, hair?
3. Does your religion and life meet?
4. Should worship actually produce tangible effects upon the daily life of a person?
5. Are we really prepared to meet God?
6. The people of Amos' day were not ready, I wonder if we are

II Discussion

1. Their Condition.
 - a. Amos calls them cows. 4:1,3
 - b. Amos calls them transgressors 4:4
 - c. Amos calls them to return to the Lord. 4:6, 8, 9, 10, 11
 - d. What is our condition?
 - i. Hypocrite Matthew 23: 23, 25-28
 - ii. Without Christ Ephesians 2:12
 - iii. Wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked. Revelation 3:17
2. The Charge from God.
 - a. They oppressed the poor Vs 1
 - b. They were sinners Vs 4
 - c. They worshipped God incorrectly Vs 4
 - i. Formalism?
 - ii. Ritualism
 - iii. Can we get to this point?
 - d. They had time to do what God wanted.
 - i. With held rain vs 7
 - ii. Mildew and blasting Vs 9
 - iii. Pestilence Vs10
 - iv. Sword vs 10
 - v. Destroyed some of the cities Vs 11
3. The counsel from God Prepare to meet God 4:12
 - a. How does one prepare to meet God?
 - i. Preparation of character Matthew 5:4; 2 Corinthians 6:14
 - ii. Preparation of heart. Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 6:17
 - iii. Preparation of soul Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16; Ephesians 5:26-27; Titus 2:14; 2 Peter 3:14
 - iv. Keeping the soul purified. 1 John 1:7- 2:1
 - b. How will you meet God in battle or peace, enemy or friend. Hebrews 4:16; James 4:4

III Conclusion

1. Now is the best time to prepare to meet God. 2 Corinthians 6:2; Ecclesiastes 12:1
2. Christ died for us vicariously so we can be prepared to meet God!

3. We have our condition declared, the charge from God proclaimed, We have the invitation from God to be ready, Why not now?
4. Cease your delay obey today

Sources: Yates on Amos; Pulpit Commentary; Handfuls on Purpose; Old Sermon