

48 COST OF OBEDIENCE #2 Amos

1. Answer Mike's question from the message this past Sunday: What is the boldest thing that you have ever said to someone?
2. Amos 1 contains 5 statements of judgement from the Lord. These are judgements against specific nations who offended God because of how they had treated Israel in their invasions. As Mike said, people were glad that God was judging their cruel enemies. Jumping into chapter two though...God calls out Judah – read chapter 2:4. How do you think the people felt about the judgements so far...and can you relate?
3. In chapter 2:6 we read – *“Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four. The tables have turned on Israel itself...”*

What is going on?

Read 2:6-16 – what is God angry about in this chapter.
Read also Amos 4:1...what is going on here?

Why is this an issue

Take a moment to also read Deuteronomy 24:17-22.
What three marginalized people groups are mentioned here and all over Scripture?

Read also Prov 19:17
Psalm 68:5
1 John 3:17

What will God do about the mistreatment of the poor?

Read Amos 3:15 – what does this mean?
Read Amos 5:21 and 24
Read Amos 7:7-8

What does all this say about how God views what is going on, on the earth? Is He neutral about it?

4. God gives Amos a powerful picture: Read Amos 7:7-9
What does a plumb line do?
Are the results of the plumb line negotiable? Why is this important.
5. Mike mentioned some key obediences that matter to God in how we live as Christ followers:
 - Are there hungry people? Feed them.
 - Are there sick people? Help them.
 - Are there oppressed people? Stick up for them.
 - Are there widows? Visit them.
 - Are there ignorant children? Teach them.
 - Are there marginalized people? Befriend them. Treat them like I do God says.

If you think of living in obedience to Christ, is your heart true to plumb?

How do you feel about the cost described here?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting you about?