

Prepare to meet your God

Amos 4

Israel on trial... time for the verdict

“Hear this word”

- Speaking to those in power and privilege about how they've used it.
- This is the behaviour that led to the exile.

Empty worship (Amos 4:4-5)

- Bethel and Gilgal as places of worship
- Equivalent places of worship for the modern church?

This passage is about God's people going through the motions without relationship to their God.

Reading the warning signs

- What God had done to get their attention
- A danger for us is to attribute material success or failure to the be reward or punishment
- God claims to show us the better way to live, but this doesn't make us immune from suffering.

People, prepare to meet your God.

- The reality of God is more than most of us anticipate.
- We might sympathise with Job – we'd like to ask God a few questions every now and then.
- We don't have to wait for this kind of encounter – God has come to us.