

## **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.