

Christ Fellowship

Series: Minor Prophets
Lesson 6
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“Amos”

Message #1: The Brokenness Of The Bullet-Proof!

- I. God's people have failed to recognize their relationship to God, therefore God brings an indictment and calls them to hear His Word. (3.1-2)
 - A. Call to hear (3.1a)

The Lord has spoken, not every opinion is valid!
 - B. Recipients (3.1b)
 - C. Relationship (3.2a)

Our term “choose” is key in ANE covenants where the powerful overlord recognizes and commits himself to a binding relationship with one who is inferior. “Choose” is an excellent translation as the powerful overlord takes divine initiative to bind himself to another. Here our picture is the Lord's special relationship with His people, a relationship based on His sovereign initiative, choice, and provision!
 - D. Indictment (3.2b)

The word translated “punish” here, is, as the NASB margin notes, the word “visit.” And, it's not a drop-by social thing! This powerful and theologically pregnant word is often used in relationships of a superior's oversight of a subordinate. The powerful superior “visits” the subordinate, typically with action being taken and change being brought about!
- II. Because God's people have failed to recognize their relationship with God, they also failed to recognize their revelation from God. (3.3-8)
 - A. Seven questions (3.3-6)
 - B. Conclusion: God's will isn't hidden! (3.7-8)
- III. Because God's people have failed to recognize their relationship with God and their revelation from God, they also failed to recognize their responsibility to God and others. (3.9-15)
 - A. Witnesses are called (3.9)
 - B. Charges are presented (3.10)
 - C. Punishment is declared (3.11)

cf. 2 Kings 17.5ff.
 - D. Proof will be furnished (3.12-15)

cf. Ex. 22.10-13; Gen. 31.39; 37.31-33.