

Return to God

Amos 4:13



Amos

- 8th century B.C. prophet
- shepherd
- “burden bearer”
- preached to the Northern Kingdom of Israel

Background of the book

- Jeroboam II ruled the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- Idolatry, immorality, and injustice was common



God's message to people: repent or perish



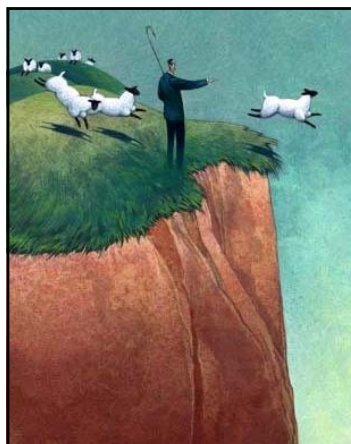
Cows of Bashan (4:1)

The rich women of Samaria are compared to cows of Bashan. Cows of Bashan were well fed and unmanageable.

The manner of judgment for the self righteous and arrogant women of Samaria (4:2-3)

- They will be taken as slaves into captivity
- They will be chained in a way that causes humiliation





Corrupted places of worship (4:4):

- Bethel – house of God (Gen. 28:19)
- Gilgal – (Joshua 5:1-12)

God hates meaningless worship (4:5)

- worshipping with wrong attitude
- boasting about their faithfulness



Punishments for not returning to God:

- lack of bread (4:6)
- no rain (4:7)
- lack of water (4:8)
- blight, mildew, and locusts (4:9)
- plagues (4:10)
- death of young men (4:10)
- destruction to cities (4:11)



REPENT IMMEDIATELY!!!!

Seek a *life of love* inspired obedience to God

