

“Prepare to Meet Your God”

“Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!” (Amos 4:12) These were the words that God spoke through the prophet Amos. These are some of the most devastating words throughout the Bible. Israel had turned their back on God. They had served idols and went with the nations of the world. They had forsaken their God. Because of this, they needed to prepare themselves to meet their God.

The people were not without warning. In fact, God, through Amos, reminded the people that He continually sent them a warning. He took away their bread (4:6) and their water (4:7-8). He sent locust to devour their crops (4:9). He sent a plague like the ones in Egypt (4:10) and overthrew some like Sodom and Gomorrah (4:11). All of these things were done with the hope that they would return to Him. However, after each difficulty, God proclaims, *“Yet you have not returned to Me.”*

Because of their rebellion, Israel was told, *“Prepare to meet your God.”* A severe punishment was about to come upon them. They were going to die painful deaths and see terrible things.

There was, however, hope for Israel. God did not want to punish them. In fact, He wanted to save them from this upcoming torment. In the very next chapter, God tells them what they needed to do: *“Seek Me and live”* (5:4). He would go on to tell them that they should *“Seek the Lord and live”* (5:6). If Israel was willing to turn to God, they would be saved.

The words of the prophecy of Amos still hold true today. There is a day in which we will stand before God and give an answer of our life. Just like Israel, the only way to be truly prepared to meet God is to seek Him. Only then will we live.

From time to time, when the invitation of the Lord is offered at the close of our service, we will sing the song, “Prepare to Meet Thy God.” The main idea of this song comes from the words of the prophet Amos. Just as God wanted Israel to be faithful to Him, He wants us to be faithful. Just as Israel needed to seek God, so do we.

*Careless soul, O heed the warning,
For your life will soon be gone;
O how sad to face the judgment,
Unprepared to meet thy God.*

May we, each day of our lives, prepare ourselves to meet our God.

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