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Lesson Summary:

Amos declares what God really wants from His people and why they must face judgment.

I. God Prefers Compassion Over Sacrifice (Amos 4:1-5)

God Wants His People to Love Others Authentically

God wants His people to Love Him Completely

Our Christianity must not be built solely on external observances

Our lives must be controlled by the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reference

For I desire faithful love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6

II. God Desires True Repentance (Amos 4:6-11)

God wants genuine repentance from sin

Illustration: child not eating dinner

Application: As you examine your life, are there any areas where you are resisting God's call to repent?

Scripture Reference

For thus the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength." But you were not willing,

Isaiah 30:15 (NASB)

III. God Wants His People to be Ready for Him (Amos 4:12-13)

God desires all His children are prepared to meet Him

Application: How prepared are you to meet your God?

Scripture Reference

9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (NASB)

Conclusion: So What?

Mark 12:28-31

28 One of the scribes approached. When he heard them debating and saw that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which command is the most important of all?"

29 Jesus answered, "The most important is Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. 31 The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these."