

**Amos: Back to the Start**  
**“Here’s Your Sign”**  
**Amos 3:1-4:13**  
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**1. Privilege brings \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>1</sup> Hear the word, people of Israel, the word the LORD has spoken against you — against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins. Amos 3:1-2

**2. Responsibility brings \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>3</sup> Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so? <sup>4</sup> Does a lion roar in the thicket when it has no prey? Does it growl in its den when it has caught nothing? <sup>5</sup> Does a bird swoop down to a trap on the ground when no bait is there? Does a trap spring up from the ground if it has not caught anything? <sup>6</sup> When a trumpet sounds in a city, do not the people tremble? When disaster comes to a city, has not the LORD caused it? <sup>7</sup> Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. <sup>8</sup> The lion has roared who will not fear? The Sovereign LORD has spoken — who can but prophesy?

Amos 3:3-8

**Israel was guilty of. . .**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 3:9)
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 3:9)
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 3:10)
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 3:10)
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:1)
- (f) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:1)
- (g) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:4-5)

**3. Accountability brings \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>6, 8, 9, 10, 11</sup> . . . yet you have not returned to me, declares the LORD.

**God warned Israel through. . .**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:6)
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:7-8)
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:9)
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:10)
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_. (Amos 4:11)

**3. Unheeded Warning brings \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel, and because I will do this to you, Israel, prepare to meet your God. <sup>13</sup> He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind, who turns down to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth — the Lord God Almighty is his name. Amos 4:12-13 (add: Amos 3:11-15; 4:2)

**Discussion Questions**

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. What was Israel’s great privilege? What does it mean to be “chosen” and what is the purpose for which Israel was chosen?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:9. What is a Christian’s great privilege? For what purpose would God choose us?
4. What was Israel “guilty” of before God? How are these injustices and unrighteousness?
5. What are the ways that God warned Israel to repent? How might God be warning the world to repent today?
6. Amos begins this sermon (Amos 3-4) telling Israel that God will be the one responsible for what they experience (3:1, 6) and concludes with the warning “prepare to meet your God” (4:12). Why would God judge His people? Does God still judge His people? Why or why not? (Read Hebrews 12:4-11).
7. What are ways you may be guilty of the same charges as Israel if God was to expose your life? What warnings has God given you? What do you need to do to “return to the Lord”?
8. How can your group pray for you?