

Amos 3 Two Can Walk Together !

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- v 1 "Hearken" phrase = 3:1, 4:1 & 5:1 [i.e. three sermons]
 Amos preaches that God has a controversy with His people, Hosea 4:1
- v 2 Personal knowledge, hx: **Exo 19:5, Deu 4:20** contrast - **Mt 7:23**
 spir: God knows *everything*, **1 Chron 28:9** and *everyone*, **Mt 10:30**
 doct: God only relates to those who are "in Christ" (i.e. his Son).
 God's Son only *knows His sheep*, **John 10:14 Psalm 1:6**
 Christ denies the rest, **Mt 7:23**
 Israel was God's people, a peculiar people.
 Yet God had *something against them*.
 He made a covenant with them, He gave counsel, prophets, comfort and provision to them.
 Though He had spoken many times to them they would not regard His counsel.
 So **now they will be made to hear rebuke and threatenings of judgment !**
spiritual truth : Privilege brings responsibility (**not** immunity, unaccountability, or exemptions)
- v 3-6 God asks seven rhetorical questions. Answer to all : **No !**
 They had walked away from God (i.e. *contrary* to God's laws), **1 Kings 12:28-31**
 They had been warned against a contrary walk, **Lev 26:14, 23-24**
 God cannot walk with a church that walks with other 'gods'.
 God cannot walk with a 'Christian' who walks after the flesh.
 God cannot walk with 'bibles' written by the devil.
- v 7 Prophet's knowledge **Pr 3:32 Ps 25:14, 19:7-9** e.g. *Abraham* **Gen 18:17**
Jer 20:8-9 Acts 4:18-20 1 Cor 9:16
- v 8 *the lion hath roared ...* i.e. judgment must come **1 Peter 4:17**
 why? Their sins grieve God...they **dishonour God !** Therefore He will punish them.
- v 11 *adversary* - hx: Assyria **2 Kings 17** doct: the antichrist
- v 12 *piece of an ear* ~ **Isa 6:13**
- v 14 *I will visit the altars of Bethel* **2 Kings 23:15**
- v 15 *I will smite ...your selfish, indulgent excess*
 hx: *houses of ivory* ~ **1 Kings 22:39** e.g. king Ahab
winter house ~ **Jer 36:22**
 spir.: **Luke 12:15-21**

Lesson: The good news is we can walk with God.

how = **Micah 6:8**

1. be humble - **1 Peter 5:5-7** *he careth ...* **Pr 10:3**
God's mighty hand **Isa 59:1** **Joshua 4:24**

practical: Get a King James Holy Bible

2. *love mercy* - i.e. *God's mercy* Ps 136, **James 2:13**, **Mt 5:7**

3. *do justly* - i.e. Do 'just as the Bible says'