Amos 3-4:3 • A Prophetic Lawsuit

1. (v.1-2) God’s chosen find themselves well down the path of **deception** when they are no longer obedient to the plain **truth** of God’s Word, but engaging in an effort to redefine the **terms** of the **agreement**, so to speak.
2. (v.3-6) Take each of these three points in reverse to understand the overall picture of what has taken place:
   1. They **ignored** God’s Word through the prophets,
   2. their sin induced them to become **entangled** in the wrong things, and finally
   3. they were **incapable** of seeing the fast approaching **judgment** of God.
3. (v.7-8) A prophet is like an **evangelist** to God’s people, calling them **back** to that which they should have been **obedient** to in the first place.
4. (v.9-11) When God’s people are no longer a right and proper **testimony** of God’s Word and ways, their visible public **judgment** will be.
5. (v.12-15) The **judgment** of God’s people is required when their **devotion** to the things of this world matches not just their **elevation** of self above all others, but a corresponding **apostasy** from the faith.
6. (4:1-3) While God holds His people **accountable** for their worship and service, the proof of their spiritual condition is measured by their **treatment** of **others**. Just as each nation has been indicted by God for their **treatment** of **others**, the same standard is equally important for His people.