

Discussion Questions - 2/19/23

Wealth and Poverty: A Gospel Issue - Amos 3

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- Amos 3 is a chapter about God's judgment. Some people think that the God of the Old Testament is wrathful while the God of the New is full of love.
 - Why is God bringing judgment on his people in this chapter? What does this judgment tell us about what God loves?
- In vs. 14, the people are guilty of worshipping at unauthorized altars that God will tear down.
 - Why is it so destructive to our souls to worship God according to our ideas as opposed to what his word teaches?
 - How does false worship give us a false view of God?
 - Read Hebrews 12:28.
 - How should we approach God in our worship?
 - What does that look like?
- Ultimately God's people are guilty not only of wrong worship but wrong uses of wealth that results in the poor's oppression.
 - What does this look like in church culture? In our society?
 - How does one begin the steps of repentance in dealing with these sins personally, corporately, and societally?