

Is our Worship really Worship?

Not only is the Bible a guideline on how God expects us to live; the Bible gives us insights on how God thinks about things.

In **Amos Chapter 4** God revealed how He thinks about worship.

“Come to Bethel, and transgress...” (Vs. 4)!

Bethel was a place of worship, yet God told them that even though they were at the right **place** they were transgressing (*sinning*)! They were not really worshipping! He went on to say, *“...at Gilgal multiply your transgression;...”* Gilgal was also a place of worship, but God told them they were making their sin worse by worshipping inappropriately!

In **verse 5** God explained that they loved to go through the ceremonies of worship, but they were not worshipping! God responded to this kind of “*worship*” by trying to get them to repent and return to Him.

How did God try to get their attention?

In **verse 6** He took away their food! In **verse 7** He took away the rain! In **verse 9** He ruined their crops! In **verse 10** He sent pestilences like those of Egypt! In **verse 11** He allowed them to be defeated! Yet in every case God noted, *“yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.”*

After doing so much to try to get them to really Worship Him, God said in **verse 12**, *“... prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.”* In other words, *“I am coming in judgment!”*

Let's be sure our worship is really worship!