

# **YHWH Roars**

## **Amos 1 & 2**

The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.

-Augustine

### **I. The Shepherd**

## II. The Sentence

### **Into the Bible**

1. Why are we so quick to see our sins as small compared to those of others? We tend to see sins of action (murder, theft, etc.) as worse than those of attitude (envy, greed, arrogance). Is this the way God ranks them? Read the list of sins that God hates in Proverbs 6:16-19. Ironically, we often read the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 and thank God we are not like that Pharisee.

### **Application**

2. Providing for one's family by our labor is commanded by God, but doing so and doing well financially can lead us to a certain complacency and forgetfulness about where everything we have actually comes from. What do Matthew 6:25-34 and James 1:17 remind us? What does Christ have against the church at Laodicea in Revelation 3:17-19? How can we honor God's provision for us?

3. God is clear in multiple places in the Old Testament about His concern for the welfare of the poor and needy. Christ demonstrated God's continuing care in his earthly ministry to them. Most of us would deny ever actively "oppressing" the poor in our community, but it might be harder for us to avoid the charge of not doing what we can and should do on their behalf. What do Proverbs 31:8-9 and Psalm 82:3 urge us to do? Could we be guilty of the sin of oppression described in Job 24:4 by our attitudes towards the poor and homeless?

## **For Families**

4. Talk with your children about God's provision for all of our needs.