

## Covenant Justice

### Amos 3 & 4

“You and I have need of the strongest spell that can be found to wake us from the evil enchantment of worldliness”

-C.S. Lewis

- I. God's Covenant Faithfulness
  - a. Covenant
  - b. Catechism
  - c. Consequence

## II. Israel's Covenant Faithlessness

a. Self-Indulgence in Comfort

b. Self-Indulgence in Worship

c. Stubborn Refusal to Repent

d. God's Response

## III. But is there Grace?

### Into the Bible

1. A covenant is a binding agreement between two parties. God made several of these in the Old Testament. His faithfulness in keeping his end of these covenants prompted his people to call him the “covenant-keeping God”. This was a source of comfort to them when hard times threatened to overwhelm them (Isaiah 54:10, Psalm 106:40-46). But there was another side to God’s faithfulness in keeping his covenants. What does God promise in Deuteronomy 7:9-11 and how does that relate to Amos 4:12?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. At Sinai God wrote the terms of the Mosaic covenant on tablets of stone later stored in the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies. Jeremiah promises that a new covenant will be established between God and his people but written differently. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) What does Christ say establishes this new covenant? (Luke 22:19-20)

## **Application**

3. We are no longer bound by the terms of the Old Testament Law and do not need to fear the punishment of God, but God still disciplines us. (Hebrews 12:4-11) There are times when we suffer hardship and pain that are not the result of sin on our part though. Why does God allow this? (1 Peter 1:6-7, Isaiah 48:9-10)

## **For Families**

4. Talk with your children about God's faithfulness to us.