

Resisting God
Amos 4:1-5
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Forces of evil leading God's people astray:

1. **Cows of Bashan:** These women are the _____ of the rich and powerful (Amos 4:1-3).

God will allow them to fall into the _____ of their own making.

2. **False worship:** King _____ established a false religion, giving it credit for what God did for Israel (Amos 4:4-5).

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other _____ before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image..." (Ex 20:2-5).

These people were not only actively taking part in _____, but they loved doing so!

God's 5 efforts to restore Israel:

1. His first effort was through _____ (Amos 4:6).

"Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and _____ seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17).

2. God's second attempt to reach Israel was through _____ (Amos 4:7-8).

3. God's third attempt to reach Israel was through a blight and _____ on the crops (Amos 4:9).

God also sent _____ to consume the crops.

4. God's fourth attempt to reach Israel was through a _____ of death (Amos 4:10).

God was going to send so much death on Israel so quickly that they would not be able to _____ the bodies quickly enough to avoid the stench.

5. God's final attempt was to _____ some of the cities as He did Sodom and Gomorrah (Amos 4:11).

The result of Israel's _____ of God: "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12-13).

The Application:

God is still _____ in the lives of men. He dwells in us through His Spirit.

He wants us to be in a right relationship with Him so badly that He sent His _____ to die for us.

On a national level, we have _____ God.