

TERM 2 WEEK 26. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH OUR THINKING - AMOS

1. Tell the story of the prophet Amos.

He was a shepherd from a small village (Tekoa). He went to the town of Bethel to sell his sheep at the market. There he saw many things which shocked him. He went back home and thought about what he had seen. He heard God speaking to him, telling him to go back to Bethel and tell the people of the wrong things they were doing.

2. If possible, show the filmstrip
- Amos, God's Angry Man
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3. The wrong things Amos saw.

(a) Amos 8 : 4 - 6. Rich traders and shopkeepers cheating their customers, using scales that had been altered, charging high prices, selling "rubbish" food, forcing those who couldn't pay their accounts to be slaves.

(b) 4 : 1 ; 5 : 11 ; 6 : 4 - 6.

Rich women (& men) living in luxury, living in beautiful houses, eating too much, drinking too much, wearing perfumes + beautiful clothes etc and not caring about the poor.

4. Amos' Main Message Amos 5 : 21 - 24

God does not want us only to worship him, sing hymns etc.

He requires us to act justly and honestly and do what is right.

5. Discussion : If Amos came to Vanuatu today, what wrong things would he see ? (groups).