

# The Outline

# I. Amos 4:12-13 – we choose

# We choose how God deals with us

## The Context

12: Judgment against Israel.

13: Who is He?

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II. Gn.1, In the beginning...

# Herbert Spencer

Time, Force, Action, Space, Matter

Gn.1:1

God Created man in His image (1:26-27)

No animal can evolve  
into God's likeness

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# What our God can do

12: Power – created waters, heaven, earth...

- Oceans
- Heavens
- Dust

13-14: Wisdom

15-17: Ruler of nations

18-20: Incomparable deity

21-24: Incomparable position

25-26: *to whom then will you liken Me?*

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# So what?

## Ps.8

- Same thoughts; effect on us, 3-4

## Ps.15

- Awe of God produces a holy life

## Ps.19

1-6: general revelation

7-11: special revelation

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# Progression:

God's Reality . . . Reign . . . Revelation . . .  
Redemption – Ro.5

1-2: justified by faith – peace – through Lord  
Jesus . . . hope (future joy)

Faith spoken of  
throughout world, 1:8

Obedience has become  
known to all, 16:19

3-5: glory in tribulations... (present joy)

affliction

endurance

character

hope

6-8: owe it all to His love for us

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# Overview incomplete without Son of God

1-3: **Mt.- Lk.** begins with birth; **Mark** – John bap.  
**John** (apostle): eternity – pre-existent Word.

- 'In the beginning' (Gn.1)

11a: He came to His own...

His own things (world)

11:b: His own did not receive Him

His own (people)

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14: full of grace → love

Lk.10, grace saves life

Lk.15, grace saves soul

Lk.23, full of grace

Jn.1:16, one  
blessing after  
another.  
Ezk.16

14: full of truth → light

Jn.18:38, total ignorance

Jn.1:17, partial truth...

Jn.17:17, full of truth

Jn.1:18,  
cannot see  
Father; see  
Jesus...

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**VII. Ps.102**

# Prayer of the afflicted

1-11: **Trouble**



3-7: no human help  
Like a pelican, owl, sparrow

8-11: not totally alone: enemies  
Ashes . . . Tears (9)



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1-11: **Trouble**

12-22: **Trust**

12-17: God is forever (12) and  
Merciful (13)

18-22: God hears from heaven

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23-28: **Triumph**

23-27: Creator – He endures  
Heaven / earth perish...

28: God is committed to His  
people.