

Welcome Him as You Would Welcome Me

Philemon 17

So if you consider me a partner, welcome [receive/take] him as you would me.

How did sin affect human relationships and the function of society?

What social injustices were happening in Israel that were condemned by Amos? Do you see these among God's people today?

Amos 2:7

They trample the heads of the poor on the dust of the ground and obstruct the path of the needy...

Amos 4:1

Listen to this message, you cows of Bashan who are on the hill of Samaria, women who oppress the poor and crush the needy...

Amos 5:11,12

...you trample on the poor and exact a grain tax from him...They oppress the righteous, take a bribe, and deprive the poor of justice at the city gates.

Amos 8:4–6

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and do away with the poor of the land, asking, "When will the New Moon be over so we may sell grain...? We can reduce the measure while increasing the price and cheat with dishonest scales. We can buy the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and even sell the chaff!"

How does the coming of Jesus change the way the people of God see social status?

How should we deal with different social statuses today?
