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What does God really want from us?

God doesn't want pieces of us.

He wants us - all of us.

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- The Old Testament is the story from creation to slavery to freedom to prominence, but then ultimately defeat.
- The prophets ministered roughly from 800 B.C to 400 B.C.

- Major Prophets vs. Minor Prophets
- The prophets primarily warned Israel what would happen if they continued in disobedience.

- Their message was not popular.
- In a world that is drifting away from God, we can learn beautiful lessons.
- Lens of grace

At Bat This Week:

- Amos
- Southern, fig tree farmer and shepherd
- Sent to Northern Kingdom, Jereboam II
- Military success, wealth
- Social apathy, idol worship
- Preached in Bethel

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“I hate all your show and pretense -
the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and
solemn assemblies.

Amos 5:21

I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings.

I won't even notice all your choice peace offerings.

Away with your noisy hymns of praise!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.

Amos 5:23

Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of
justice, an endless river of righteous living.

Amos 5:24

God rejected religious activity that flowed from a divided heart.

Justice and righteousness are the fruit of wholehearted devotion.

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Amos tells us what God expects.
Jesus gives us the motivation.

Israel looked back on God's consistent
deliverance.

We look back on the cross.

You must have the same attitude that
Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:5

Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God as
something to cling to.

Philippians 2:6

Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave and
was born as a human being.

Philippians 2:7

When he appeared in human form,
he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7 - 8

Either way, Christ's love controls us.
Since we believe that Christ died for all, we
also believe that we have all died to our old
life.

2 Corinthians 5:14

He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves.

Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

2 Corinthians 5:15

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Surrender -

Start with an open conversation with God.

Obey -

Take one small, uncomfortable step of obedience.

Trust -

In faith, embrace the process over the result.

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