

# Amos 4:12

by Chuck Smith

---

*Chuck Smith emphasizes the importance of preparing to meet God by turning to Him through Jesus Christ.*

**Scripture:** Job 23:10, Psalm 139:2, Isaiah 45:22, Amos 4:12, Matthew 24:36, John 3:16, Romans 14:11, Philippians 2:10-11, Hebrews 9:27, 1 John 5:11

**Topics:** "Repentance", "Preparation for Judgment"

---

## Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the urgency of preparing to meet God, highlighting how God has sent various warnings and judgments to prompt repentance. He explains that calamities serve as instruments for God to reveal true character, urging individuals to turn to Him before facing destruction. The sermon stresses the majesty and authority of God, who created the universe and knows our innermost thoughts, and challenges listeners to consider their excuses for not bowing to Him. Ultimately, Smith calls for acceptance of God's provision through Jesus Christ as the true means of preparation for meeting God.

---

## Transcript

"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD"

Intro: The thought here is to prepare to die and face the judgment of God.

I. NOTICE HOW GOD HAD SOUGHT TO AVERT THE MEETING.

A. He had sent warning judgments.

1. Food shortages.
2. Erratic weather patterns.
3. Med fly and grasshoppers.
4. Viral diseases.
5. Earthquakes and devastating fires.
6. The purpose was to cause them to turn to God.
  - a. God often uses calamities as His instruments.

b. True character is revealed in the pressure of personal disaster.

1. Some become bitter; some become better.

2. The trials of Job were to prove his true devotion.

B. With each judgment was the opportunity to turn to God.

1. That was the purpose for them.

2. Turn now and avert destruction.

3. But they did not turn thus.

II. "PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD."

A. The one you are about to meet is the one that...

1. Formed the mountains.

a. The geologist speaks of the awesome force of the earth's crust when forced together and is thrust upwards and downward.

b. And God said, "Let the dry land appear."

2. "Created the winds."

a. The physicists speak of cold and hot air masses.

3. "Declares to man his thoughts."

a. The one they were about to meet could declare to them their every thought.

b. "Thou knowest my thoughts afar off."

c. How useless will be the invented excuses.

4. "Makes the morning darkness."

a. That dark before the dawn.

b. Has the capacity to stop the rotation of the earth on its axis.

5. "Treads upon the high places of the earth."

a. Walks across the mountain peaks.

B. "Yaweh", the God of hosts is His name.

1. We read of the hosts of heaven.

a. Both Daniel and book of Revelation speak of 10,000 X 10,000 or 100 million. Revelation adds plus millions of angels.

2. And there He sits, King of kings and Lord of lords, creator and ruler of the whole universe.

a. Every knee is bowing in hushed, awed reverence.

b. Your name is called, and suddenly you are standing before Him as His eyes pierce through your soul.

1. Why, while on the earth, did you refuse to bow your knee?

a. Too many churches.

b. Too many hypocrites.

c. I didn't have time.

C. What must you do to prepare?

1. You can try any one of the many do-it-yourself programs.

a. Seek to transform yourself into the new, perfect you.

2. You can accept the provision God has offered through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

a. John 3:16.

b. I John 5:11, "This is the record..."

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/chuck-smith/amos-412/>

# *Grow in Your Walk with Christ*

---

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

**[www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net)**