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2. In Amos 3:9-4:3 there are three prophetic oracles, each of which names specific sins of God’s people:
 - 3:9-11 identifies violence and oppression stored up in and emanating from seats of political power (palaces).
 - 3:12-15 identifies families with material wealth who live in comfort while ignoring the plight of the poor.
 - 4:1-3 identifies people who have plenty and still indulge in goods and foods in ways that result in oppressive systems necessary to sustain their habits of consumption.Consider each of these sins of injustice and identify ways you see them occurring in the world today. Think about local context, regional context, and global contexts. As Christians what is our responsibility for publicly naming such injustices? What is our responsibility for living differently and working to bring change? How can we practically do this on a specific issue?
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