

Good morning! I'm always surprised by the differing approaches people have to scripture. Some of course, reject it completely. Others pick and choose which parts to believe (OK, we *all* do this but we haven't all been caught yet). Some pick out a verse and "claim" it as a promise. Let's look at a good one for that together this morning:

And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, sayeth the Lord.

Amos 4:6 KJV

What's the central meaning of this passage? That's right; people who live in cities don't need to brush their teeth! Pam and I live in the country so we have to brush and floss every day, so I'm claiming it! A secondary message -- one that comes from thinking critically -- is that a dentist would have to be a moron to open an office in New York. Dentists, especially new dentists just starting out, can receive good guidance from this passage. I'm being silly but not sillier than people who take a passage out of context and then apply it as though it was what God intended. Today's passage is about the fact that God initiated a famine to draw people's attention back to Himself yet they continued to reject Him in spite of that. One of my goals in sending the Morning Greeting is to have people hear and process God's Word in ways that God intends. Has God been after you in your life to make some changes and you have been resisting Him? Today is a great day to repent! Turn away from your sin and turn to Him. He's waiting for you to come back to Him...today!