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INTRODUCTION: *The week after thanksgiving brings --- turkey leftovers!!*

- I. WHO LIKES 'LEFTOVERS'?
 - A. Some at the time of the prophet Amos did not like 'leftovers'
 - B. These leftovers ("**she ay reeth**") were people considered worthless (Amos 5:11-15)
 - C. These leftover people were treated harshly by some of Israel's leaders (vv. 11-12)
- II. TODAY WE OFTEN TREAT BADLY THE 'LEFTOVER' PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES
 - A. Who are these leftovers in your life?
 - B. Let's list a few of them...
 - C. Jesus spoke very clearly about such people... that the way we treat them is the way we treat Him (Matthew 25)
 - D. We need to hear God's word of judgment against us (Amos 5:6)
 - E. Last week such a 'leftover person' walked into my church office...
- III. GOD LOVES 'LEFTOVERS'!!
 - A. Here are just a few examples: Genesis 16 – Hagar, 1 Samuel 1 & 2 – Hannah, Luke 19 – Zacchaeus
 - B. Our dear Lord Jesus was a **she ay reeth** 'leftover', rejected by men (Isaiah 53)
 - C. Dying upon the cross for you & for me, He could be seen as a 'leftover'
 - D. But by His glorious resurrection, He was shown not to be a leftover, 'the main course!!'
 - E. We who are considered 'leftover' by this world (1 Corinthians 1:26 ff), are precious to God

CONCLUSION: *I confess... I enjoy leftovers.... BUT God loves leftovers!*