WEEK 12

Amos 5-6

Amos 5:14

Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

**Things To Do This Week**

For God:

For Parents:

For Siblings:

For Others:

For Self:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14 Time spent in prayer

Read – Amos 5:1-4

Examine –

1. What is the command in verse 1?
2. Why was this word important?
3. Look up and briefly describe in your own words a “lamentation.”
4. To whom was this lamentation directed?
5. How is Israel described?
6. Why do you think God described Israel this way?
7. What happens to Israel in the illustration?
8. What is the significance of the statement, “there is none to raise her up”?
9. To what degree will Israel suffer loss?
10. What is the command in verse 4?
11. Who gives the command?
12. Why is the command given?
13. What is the result of the command?

Apply-

What are you seeking in life?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14 Time spent in prayer

Read – Amos 5:5-9

Examine –

1. What three places was Israel not to seek?
2. Why were they not to seek them?
3. What is the command in verse 6?
4. Why do you think God keeps repeating Himself?
5. What is the result of obedience to this command?
6. What are the consequences to disobeying this command?
7. What does it mean to “turn justice to wormwood”?
8. What does it mean to “leave off righteousness in the earth”?
9. What are the five works of God mentioned in verse 8?
10. What is the significance of each of these works concerning Israel?
11. To whom is the judgment of God directed in verse 9?
12. Why do you think God singles these people out from the rest?

Apply-

What is so important to you that you are willing to face the fierce wrath of God instead of returning to Him?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14 Time spent in prayer

Read – Amos 5:10-15

Examine –

1. List the four crimes of Israel mentioned in verses 10-11.
2. Do you think that these are problems today? (If so, how?)
3. What 2 (two) things did the rich do for themselves in verse 11?
4. What did those provisions do for them?
5. Why did God not honor their provisions?
6. What are Israel’s sins mentioned in verse 12?
7. Why do the prudent keep silence?
8. Why does that make them prudent?
9. What is the command given in verse 14?
10. How does that correlate with God’s previous commands?
11. What is the command in verse 15?
12. What is the possible result of obedience to these commands?

**DOUBLE BONUS:** Find 2 (two) news articles from any appropriate medium (newspapers, internet, news magazines, etc.) that correlate the world today with the evil deeds of Israel. Briefly describe how you think they are related.

Apply-

Israel made physical provisions for themselves without direction from God. How does that apply to your future plans of college, vocation, marriage, etc.?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14 Time spent in prayer

Read – Amos 5:16-20

Examine –

1. What event are these verses describing?
2. What are the effects of God’s judgment mentioned in verses 16-17?
3. What causes these things to happen?
4. What is the significance of that cause in light of Israel’s past (Ex. 11)?
5. What is the difference between what happened in Exodus and what is described in these verses?
6. Why is it foolish to desire the day of the LORD?
7. How is this “day” described?
8. What comparisons does God give concerning this “day”?

Apply-

Sin often is reflected in how we treat those who are living for God around us. How do you treat those who challenge your spirituality?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14 Time spent in prayer

Read – Amos 5:21-27

Examine –

1. What does God hate in verse 21?
2. Why does He hate them at this time?
3. What does it mean to “not smell in your solemn assemblies”?
4. What is the significance of that?
5. What offerings will God not accept?
6. Why will He not accept them?
7. What was to be taken away in verse 23?
8. Why was it to be taken away?
9. What was to happen in the place of all these customs?
10. Why do you think God used running waters and mighty streams to describe His judgment?
11. What things did Israel incorporate into their worship of God?
12. Why do you think they did this?
13. What was the judgment for their idolatry?

Apply-

When does God choose not to hear our worship?

Are you sure He chooses to hear yours (on the basis of your relationship with Him)?

What would hinder his hearing yours most often?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14 Time spent in prayer

Read – Amos 6:1-8

Examine –

1. Who are addressed in verses 1-2?
2. Why do you think they are addressed?
3. With what cities does God ask Israel to compare themselves?
4. Why was Israel not better than these cities?
5. How could they have been better than these cities?
6. What does it mean to “put far away the evil day”?
7. How does that cause the seat of violence to come near?
8. List the seven descriptions of Israel’s leadership and the character qualities that each indicates.
9. What will happen to these people?
10. What does God hate about Jacob in verse 8?
11. What does excellency mean?

Apply-

How have you taken credit for past spiritual victories God has produced in your life?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – Amos 5:14 Time spent in prayer

Read – Amos 6:9-14

Examine –

1. What happens if ten men remain in the house (having escaped captivity)?
2. What will they do with their bodies?
3. Why do you think they wouldn’t take them out to be buried?
4. Why would these men not make mention of the name of the LORD?
5. What will God do to the great houses?
6. What does that mean?
7. What will God do to the little houses?
8. How does God illustrate the foolishness of Israel in verse 12?
9. What has Israel done to justice and righteousness?
10. What does that mean?
11. In what was Israel rejoicing in verse 13?
12. In whose strength did they think they had conquered all their land?
13. What did God do in response to their rejoicing?
14. To what extent will the nation God “raises up” afflict Israel?

Apply-

Are you living (physically and spiritually) today in your own strength or trusting in God’s?

Explain:

Prayer

Praise

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