

Amos 5:1-17
False Religion and Injustice

Introduction

Question: What are some things that you absolutely hate in life? What do you think this tells you about yourself?

We tend to waste our hatred on insignificant slights and differences. But Amos warns us that if we can't hate what is evil, we can't love what is good.

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Question: What is a lament (v. 1)? When does a lament usually take place in relation to the event lamented?

Question: What sad ironies do you find in verse 2?

Question: What hope do you see in verse 3 even during this devastation?

Question: If God were to take up a lament over His church today, over what things would He mourn? How can the church address/avoid these issues?

Question: What is Israel commanded to seek in verses 4-6? What are they commanded not to seek? Why would this command be given?

Question: What does it mean to seek the Lord? In what ways are you tempted to pursue a place, tradition, or action instead of pursuing Christ?

Question: What do you learn about how the people exercised justice compared to God (vv. 7-13)?

Question: When it is acceptable for a person to remain quiet when surrounded by evil (vv. 14-15)? When is it not right to do so?

Question: Verses 16-17 contains another call to repent. Do these calls seem consistent with the idea of a lament?

Reflection

What are all the ways in which you seek evil or failed to hate evil? How can you reverse these actions?