

Amos: Back to the Start
“Seek God & Live”
Amos 5:1-17
October 3, 2021 / Pastor Shawn Penn

1. Dead _____ produce Dead _____.

¹ Hear this word, Israel, this lament I take up concerning you: ² Fallen is Virgin Israel, never to rise again, deserted in her own land, with no one to lift her up. ³ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to Israel: “Your city that marches out a thousand strong will only have a hundred left; your town that marches out a hundred strong will have only ten left.”

Amos 5:1-3

Pre-Fall Humanity	Post-Fall Humanity	Reborn Humanity	Glorified Humanity
Able to Sin	Able to Sin	Able to Sin	
Able to not Sin		Able to not Sin	Able to not Sin
	Unable to not Sin		
			Unable to Sin

*(Augustine’s “posse peccare” & “non posse non peccare”
explained by R.C. Sproul, “Chosen by God” pps.66)*

2. Seeking _____ brings Eternal _____.

⁴ This is what the LORD says to Israel: “Seek me and live; ⁵ do not seek Bethel, do not go to Gilgal, do not journey to Beersheba. For Gilgal will surely go into exile, and Bethel will be reduced to nothing. ⁶ Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. Amos 5:4-6

**BACK TO _____ IS NOT
THE SAME THING AS BACK TO _____.**

**SEEKING AN _____ IS NOT THE SAME THING AS
_____ GOD.**

¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph. Amos 5:14-15

3. _____ has no place among the _____.

⁷ There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. Amos 5:7

¹⁰ There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth. ¹¹ You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

¹³ Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Amos 5:10-13

4. God alone is able to bring _____.

⁸ He who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns midnight into dawn and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land — the LORD is his name. ⁹ With a blinding flash he destroys the stronghold and brings the fortified city to ruin.

¹⁶ Therefore this is what the LORD, the LORD God Almighty, says: “There will be wailing in all the streets and cries of anguish in every public square. The farmers will be summoned to weep and the mourners to wail.

¹⁷ There will be wailing in all the vineyards, for I will pass through your midst,” says the LORD. Amos 5:8-9, 16-17

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. What was Israel guilty of (5.1-3, 7, 10-13). Why is this incompatible with God?
3. How was Israel treating God as revealed by their worship (5.4-6)? How might you be guilty of the same thing?
4. What does God say will guarantee His people experiencing His presence? (5.14)
5. What does it mean to “Seek God”? How does seeking God produce life? (5.4-6)
6. When you reflect on your perception of God, does it align with the description Amos gives (4:13, 5:8) or is it a lower view? Would you say that you really fear God? How would a “high” view of God change how you lived? Why?
7. How can your group pray for you?