

Amos: Unpopular Love | Amos 5:18-25

Hypocrisy in Worship | Amos 5:21-23

- 1. In Amos 5:21-23, God rejects Israel's religious festivals and offerings. Why does He despise their worship?
- 2. Read Matthew 23:27-28. How does Jesus describe the Pharisees' hypocrisy, and how is this similar to God's rebuke in Amos?
- 3. In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus warns that not everyone who calls Him "Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven. How does this passage challenge us to ensure that our worship is genuine? What are some ways that modern Christianity might fall into the same trap of outward religious activity without true righteousness?

Injustice and True Righteousness | Amos 5:24

- 4. Amos 5:24 calls for justice to "roll on like a river" instead of empty rituals. What does this tell us about what God values most?
- 5. Read Luke 11:42. What does Jesus say about the Pharisees' failure in justice and love for God? How does this relate to Amos' message?
- 6. How does James 1:27 define true religion? What does this teach us about our responsibilities as believers?

Judgment on Those Who Ignore Justice | Amos 5:18-20, 25

- 7. In Amos 5:18-20, the people expected the "Day of the Lord" to be a time of blessing, but Amos warns it will be a time of darkness. Why does he challenge their assumptions?
- 8. Read Matthew 25:41-46. How does Jesus describe judgment for those who neglect justice and care for the needy? How do Luke 6:46-49 and the parable of the wise and foolish builders reinforce the warning in Amos about false security?
- 9. In what ways does this Bible study challenge you to examine your own faith and actions? What practical steps can you take to ensure that your worship is not just external, but reflects a heart for justice and righteousness?



