

WHERE IS MY PASSION  
FOR GOD?

AMOS 5:1-14

# A SPIRITUAL GOAL

- **Beyond knowing and doing the will of God**
- **Speaks of a personal encounter**
  - **It is Experiencing God (Blackaby)**
  - **By being Perfect**
- **Is God someone you want to meet?**
  - **Is there a fear of meeting God?**
  - **Is there only personal wants from meeting God?**

## AMOS 5

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this word which I take up against you,  
a lamentation, O house of Israel:**
- <sup>2</sup> The virgin of Israel has fallen;  
She will rise no more.  
She lies forsaken on her land;  
*There is no one to raise her up.***
- <sup>3</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD:  
“ The city that goes out by a thousand  
Shall have a hundred left,  
And that which goes out by a hundred  
Shall have ten left to the house of Israel.”**

## AMOS 3

**6 If a trumpet is blown in a city will not the people tremble?**

**If a calamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it?**

## AMOS 5b

- 4 For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:  
" Seek Me and live;**
- 5 But do not seek Bethel,  
Nor enter Gilgal,  
Nor pass over to Beersheba;  
For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,  
And Bethel shall come to nothing.**
- 6 Seek the LORD and live,  
Lest He break out like fire *in* the house of  
Joseph,  
And devour *it*,  
With no one to quench *it* in Bethel—**

## AMOS 5c

- 7 You who turn justice to wormwood,  
And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"**
- 8 He made the Pleiades and Orion;  
He turns the shadow of death into morning  
And makes the day dark as night;  
He calls for the waters of the sea  
And pours them out on the face of the  
earth;  
The LORD *is* His name.**
- 9 He rains ruin upon the strong,  
So that fury comes upon the fortress.**

## AMOS 5d

- <sup>10</sup> They hate the one who rebukes in the gate,  
And they abhor the one who speaks  
uprightly.
- <sup>11</sup> Therefore, because you tread down the poor  
And take grain taxes from him,  
Though you have built houses of hewn stone,  
Yet you shall not dwell in them;  
You have planted pleasant vineyards,  
But you shall not drink wine from them.
- <sup>12</sup> For I know your manifold transgressions  
And your mighty sins:  
Afflicting the just *and* taking bribes;  
Diverting the poor *from justice* at the gate.

## AMOS 5e

- 13 Therefore at such a time the prudent person  
keeps silent, for it is an evil time.**
- 14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live;  
And thus may the LORD God of hosts be  
with you,  
Just as you have said!**
- 15 Hate evil, love good,  
And establish justice in the gate!  
Perhaps the LORD God of hosts  
May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.**



## AMOS 5f

**16** Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, says this:

*“ There shall be wailing in all streets,  
And they shall say in all the highways,  
' Alas! Alas!'*

**They shall call the farmer to mourning,  
And skillful lamenters to wailing.**

**17** In all vineyards *there shall be wailing,*  
**For I will pass through you,”**  
**Says the LORD.**

**18** Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!  
**For what good *is* the day of the LORD to you?**  
***It will be* darkness, and not light.**

## AMOS 5g

<sup>19</sup> *It will be as though a man fled from a lion,  
And a bear met him!*

*Or as though he went into the house,  
Leaned his hand on the wall,  
And a serpent bit him!*

<sup>20</sup> *Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not  
light?*

*Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?*

<sup>21</sup> *" I hate, I despise your feast days,  
And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.*

## AMOS 5h

**22** Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings,  
I will not accept *them*,  
Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.

**23** Take away from Me the noise of your songs,  
For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.

**24** But let justice run down like water,  
And righteousness like a mighty stream.

**25** “Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings  
In the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

## AMOS 5i

**26 You also carried Sikkuth your king  
And Chiun, your idols,  
The star of your gods,  
Which you made for yourselves.**

**27 Therefore I will send you into captivity  
beyond Damascus,"  
Says the LORD, whose name is the God of  
hosts.**