

“Justice And The Worship Of God”

Amos 5

Sermon Series: “True Justice In An Unjust World”

Introduction: Our world is full of injustice. However, that is nothing new. The world has been full of injustice since the fall. Amos was a prophet raised up by God to speak a message of judgment on Israel and Judah in the 8th century B.C. because of the unjust behavior of God’s people (5:1-3), who are supposed to lead the way when it comes to justice. Today, as we look at Amos 5, we are going to look at the subject of how justice relates to worshipping God as we see that we cannot truly worship God while living unjust lives.

Main Idea: God rejects our worship when we are living unjust lives (5:21-24).

Why is this the case?

-Religious activities do not justify injustice.

-Worship is more than a religious event or activity. It is how we live our lives (Romans 12:1).

-It is hypocritical.

What does God tell us to do if we are living unjustly while claiming to worship Him?

1. Repent. Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change in behavior. It is a turning from sin and turning to God. What are some things He tells us to repent of in this chapter?

- A. Of idolatry**
- B. Of injustice**
- C. Of hypocrisy**
- D. Of religious escapism**
- E. Of empty religious rituals**

2. Seek God. This works in conjunction with repentance.

3. Act justly.