

Study Guide on Amos 5:10-27

New American Standard Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Amos 5:10-27

(Amos 5:10) They hate him who reproveth in the gate, And they abhor him who speaks with integrity.

(Amos 5:11) Therefore because you impose heavy rent on the poor And exact a tribute of grain from them, Though you have built houses of well-hewn stone, Yet you will not live in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, yet you will not drink their wine.

(Amos 5:12) For I know your transgressions are many and your sins are great, You who distress the righteous and accept bribes And turn aside the poor in the gate.

(Amos 5:13) Therefore at such a time the prudent person keeps silent, for it is an evil time.

(Amos 5:14) 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!

(Amos 5:15) 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 5:16) Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, "There is wailing in all the plazas, And in all the streets they say, 'Alas! Alas!' They also call the farmer to mourning And professional mourners to lamentation.

(Amos 5:17) "And in all the vineyards there is wailing, Because I will pass through the midst of you," says the LORD.

(Amos 5:18) Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, For what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light;

(Amos 5:19) As when a man flees from a lion And a bear meets him, Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall And a snake bites him.

(Amos 5:20) Will not the day of the LORD be darkness instead of light, Even gloom with no brightness in it?

(Amos 5:21) "I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies.

(Amos 5:22) “Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings.

(Amos 5:23) “Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.

(Amos 5:24) “But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

(Amos 5:25) “Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?

(Amos 5:26) “You also carried along Sikkuth your king and Kiyyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves.

(Amos 5:27) “Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus,” says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?