

Study Guide on Amos 5:10-27

New International Version

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) There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth.

(Amos 5:11) 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.

(Amos 5:12) 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.

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

(Amos 5:14) Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

(Amos 5:15) Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

(Amos 5:16) 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.

(Amos 5:17) There will be wailing in all the vineyards, for I will pass through your midst," says the LORD.

(Amos 5:18) Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light.

(Amos 5:19) It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

(Amos 5:20) Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

(Amos 5:21) "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me.

(Amos 5:22) Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them.

(Amos 5:23) Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

(Amos 5:24) But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

(Amos 5:25) “Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the wilderness, people of Israel?”

(Amos 5:26) You have lifted up the shrine of your king, the pedestal of your idols, the star of your god—which you made for yourselves.

(Amos 5:27) Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,” says the LORD, whose name is God Almighty.

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?