

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Major Lessons from Minor Prophets – Part 5

Seek the LORD and Live! (Amos)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Seek the LORD and Live! –Major Lessons from Minor Prophets. Our topic today: Seek the LORD and Live! (Amos “Burden Bearer”)

Scripture Song: “Seek the LORD while He may be found” – Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer

- 1) A call to seek the LORD
 - a) Amos 5:1-4, 6a.
 - i) These words remind us of our Scripture song.
 - ii) What does it mean to “seek the LORD”?
 - b) Amos 5:14-15
 - i) How does the appeal to seek good and not evil relate to the appeal to seek the LORD?
 - ii) What important progression do you see between verses 14 and 15? See also Rom 12:9, Isa 5:20
 - c) How would you respond to a person who says, “I want to seek the LORD, but I find myself drawn to evil things like horror movies and vampire stories?”
- 2) A call to worship in spirit and truth
 - a) Amos 5:21-24
 - b) Why would God hate their feast days and offerings?
 - c) Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13; Psalm 51:17; John 4:23
 - d) How can we avoid the trap of falling into lifeless religious formalism rather than worshipping God in spirit and truth?
 - e) Imagine justice running down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream. Is that possible before all things are made new? 2 Peter 3:13
- 3) A call to be a faithful witness
 - a) Amos came from Tekoa in Judah, but was sent north to prophesy to Israel.
 - b) Amos 7:1-9
 - c) How did Amaziah the priest respond to the straight testimony of the prophet Amos? Amos 7:10-13
 - d) How did Amos respond to Amaziah the priest? Amos 7:14-17
 - e) What lessons can you learn from the prophet Amos about being a faithful witness?
 - f) Share a time when you were impressed to share a testimony for God but you felt intimidated.
 - g) How can we experience holy boldness as witnesses for God? (Eph 6:19-20; Acts 4:31)
- 4) The worst type of famine
 - a) Has anyone here experienced a time of famine?
 - b) Amos 8:11-12
 - c) Why? 1 Samuel 3:1; 1 Samuel 14:37; Micah 3:5-7
 - d) Is God not speaking, or are we not listening? What are the damaging results of ignoring God?
- 5) The promise of restoration: Amos 9:11-15
 - a) How does the promise of restoration give you hope today? Revelation 21:4-5