

Hosea & Amos Lesson 8: Loyalty, Justice & Righteousness (Hosea 6; Amos 5)

What Shall I Do with You? (Hosea 6:1-11)

1. Who appears to be speaking in 6:1-3? What goals do they propose? (1a, 3a)
2. What echoes of the Gomer story – in terms of the nature of God – do you hear?
3. Compare how 6:3 uses water to describe God versus the previous chapter (5:10).
4. Explain the water imagery used for the “loyalty” or “goodness” of the people (6:4).
5. What two things does God want more than sacrifices or burnt offerings? (6:6)
6. What had the people done like Adam? (6:7)
7. What class of people had become engaged in violent crime? (6:8-9)

The Dirge of Amos over Israel (Amos 5:1-13)

8. What ratio of destruction does the Lord prescribe for Israel? (5:3)
9. Where should Israel *not* turn to seek the Lord, and why? (5:4-5)
10. How had Israel perverted justice and righteousness? (5:7)
11. What are some specific examples that Amos cites of this behavior? (5:10-12)
12. What are Pleiades and Orion? (5:8)
13. What abilities of God does Amos highlight in 5:8-9?

The Day of Jehovah (Amos 5:14-20)

14. What glimmer of hope does Amos suggest for Israel in 5:14-15?
15. What hint is there that some in Israel thought about seeking the Lord? (5:14b)
16. What could cause the wailing and lamentation in 5:16-17?
17. How does verse 19 explain the mistake of the man who desires the day of Jehovah?

Rejected Worship (Amos 5:21-25)

18. How did God regard the acts of worship offered by Israel? (5:21-23)
19. What does God want to see in His people instead? (5:24 – compare to 5:7)
20. What seems to be the answer to the Lord’s question in verse 25? What may be the point?