

Listen Up!
Sackcloth and Lamentation

Joel 1:13-14 “Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests; wail, O ministers of the altar. Go in, pass the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God! Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God. Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.”

Something Isn't _____ “Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests; wail, O ministers of the altar. Go in, pass the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God!” (v.13a)

Jeremiah 4:8 “For this put on sackcloth, lament and wail, for the fierce anger of the Lord has not turned back from us.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 “...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

But...

Something Is _____ “Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.” (v.13b)

Jeremiah 6:20 “What use to me is frankincense that comes from Sheba, or sweet cane from a distant land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me.”

Amos 5:21 “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.”

Something Needs to be _____ “Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the

inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.” (v.14)

Joel 2:15-16 “Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.”