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**AMOS 3:3**

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**Be Who You  
Say You Are!**

**Amos 5**

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**LAST WEEK:**

**Amos 4:12**

*“Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel;  
Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel.”*

**THIS WEEK:**

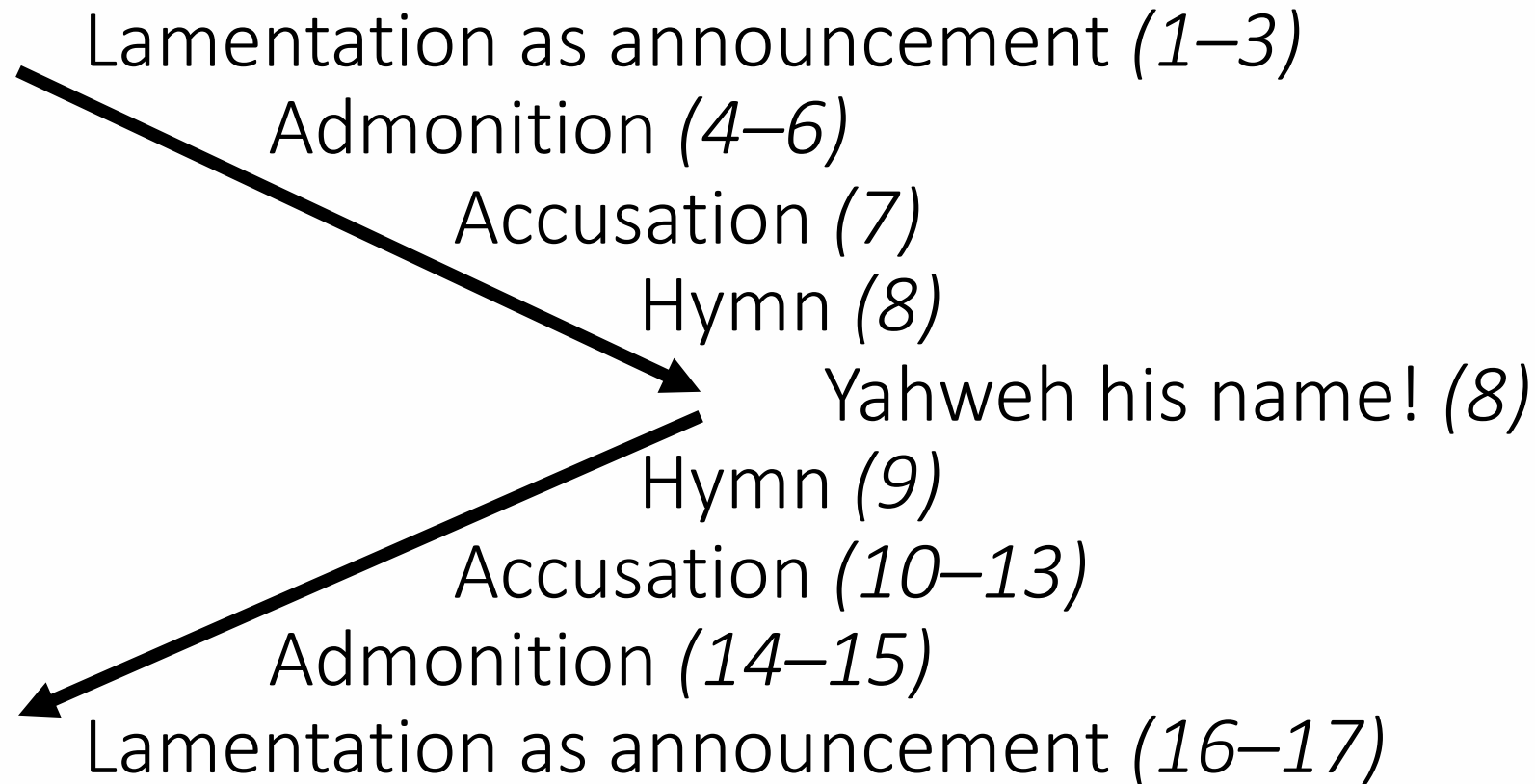
**Amos 5:4,6,&12**

**“...Seek Me and Live.” “...Seek Me and Live.”**

**“Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord,  
the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.”**

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# Symmetrical Chiastic Pattern (First half of Amos 5)



• **Second half of Amos 5 - Gets Darker!**

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<sup>1</sup> Hear this word that I take up over you in lamentation, O house of Israel:

<sup>2</sup> Fallen, no more to rise, is maiden Israel; forsaken on her land, with no one to raise her up.

<sup>3</sup> For thus says the Lord God: The city that marched out a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which marched out a hundred shall have ten left.

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# Stop Assuming 1-3

- Routine versus Discipline
  - Routine - "A regularly followed sequence of actions"
  - Discipline - "Training, to obey!"
- God is NOT a side-effect!
  - Christian Routine  $\neq$  Disciple

\*\*\*Healthy food and a gym membership  
- Does NOT get you skinny!

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<sup>4</sup> For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel:  
“Seek me and live;

<sup>5</sup> but do not seek Bethel, and do not enter into  
Gilgal or cross over to Beer-sheba;  
for Gilgal shall surely go into exile,  
and Bethel shall come to nothing.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord and live...”

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**14 Seek good and not evil,**  
that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of  
hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

**15 Hate evil and love good,**  
and establish justice in the gate;

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# Seek God 4-15

- 4 times LORD said 'Seek Him'
- **Seek me and live (4)**
  - Bethel – Functioning Capital
  - Gilgal – East Border
  - Beersheba – Southern Most
- **Seek the Lord and live (6)**
- Seek Good NOT Evil (14)
- Hate Evil and Love Good (15)
  - Not Routine – A Change!



*The places in Israel and Judah mentioned in the book of Amos.*

# AMOS

<sup>16</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:  
“In all the squares there shall be wailing;  
and in all the streets they shall say, “Alas! alas!”  
They shall call the farmers to mourning,  
and those skilled in lamentation, to wailing;

<sup>17</sup> in all the vineyards there shall be wailing,  
for I will pass through the midst of you,”  
says the Lord.

AMOS

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!  
Why do you want the day of the Lord?  
It is darkness, not light;

19 *as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;*  
or went into the house and rested a hand against  
the wall and was bitten by a snake.

AMOS

<sup>21</sup> I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and  
grain offerings, I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I  
will not look upon.

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<sup>25</sup> Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

<sup>26</sup> You shall take up Sikkuth and Kaiwan your star-god, your images, *which you made for yourselves*;

<sup>27</sup> therefore *I will take you into exile beyond Damascus*, says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

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# Surrender Everything? 16-27

- Playing Church – We wish for what we want...
  - But if we got that – *Like going from Lion to a Bear*
    - *Like a little kid who “wants to run away...”*
- “Religious Activities” + “Generous Gifts” = Happy God??? - **NO**
  - **Do NOT seek religious service – SEEK THE LORD!**
- Sikkuth – Shrine/ Idol \* Kaiwan your star-god
  - What idols do we create?
- We do **NOT** add God to our life – HE becomes our life
  - He created us – We “own” nothing!
  - Who do we say we are???

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“He who surrenders himself without reservation to the temporal claims of a nation, or a party, or a class is rendering to Caesar that which, of all things, most emphatically belongs to God: himself.”

- C.S. Lewis

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# Be Who You Say You Are!

## • Thoughts

- II Cor 10:5 – Demolish every argument/thought – making it obedient to Christ
- Phil 4:8 – Nobel, Right, Pure, Lovely, Admirable – Excellent & Praiseworthy – Think about these things

## • Actions

- II Tim 1:7 – Spirit - Not of Fear/Timidity – Power, Love, & Self-Discipline
- Romans 12:1-2 – Present your life as a sacrifice  
\*With renewed thought – step two

## • Life

- I John 2:6 – If you say it – LIVE IT! Live as He did

--- John 5:8 – *“Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”* ---

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