

AMOS

Sermon Points

Week 5 - 9.10.23 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Empty Worship / Empty Works

Scripture: Amos 5:1-17

Main Point: God hates empty religious activity and is adamantly after our hearts in both our pure worship of him and our ensuing commitment to justice in loving our neighbors.

Problems with Israel highlighted in this passage:

1. #1 - Empty Worship - lacking repentance and love of God internally - no humble devotion, acknowledgement of sin, or pursuit of real relationship with God. (Missing the HEART of the gospel)
2. #2 - Empty Works - lacking justice and love of neighbor externally - no pursuing personal righteousness and the ensuing right treatment of people, particularly the vulnerable and needy. (Missing the ACTIONS of the gospel)

Justice - right treatment of other people (love of neighbor)

Righteousness - right living before God (personal holiness)

Worship & Justice Together

- Micah 6:6-8
- Prov. 21:3
- Luke 11:42
- Luke 19:8-9

Examine yourself:

#1 - Empty Worship - Where is there empty religion in my life?

#2 - False Worship - What does my life show about what I really worship?

#3 - Real Worship - Am I genuinely Seeking God?

#4 - Seek Justice

- Do you treat people justly - particularly those who are hurting & in need?
- Do you seek out people who are different and unlike you?
- Are you open to seeing any injustice in your life - whether active or passive - where you may be hurting people or neglectful to people?
- Do you care at a societal level and what are you doing about it?

X-Ray Questions: What does your life reveal is your actual god?

1. Why do I really go to church, GC, sing, pray, read the bible, serve, share the gospel, etc?
2. What are you most excited and happy about day in and out?
3. What do you get most upset about?
4. What swings your mood & attitude positively or negatively?
5. What are you most afraid of happening?
6. Where do you spend your non-essential money?
7. What do you sing about?
8. What if you lost or had it taken away would lead you to despair?
9. When you sit down to relax - what do you do?
10. If you met someone new and talked with them for an hour, what would they learn you love?
11. What occupies your social media threads the most / what do you post most about?
12. What does your input look like - what you watch, listen to, read?
13. What do your weekends consistently revolve around?