

The background of the image is a landscape featuring rolling, arid hills in shades of brown and tan. In the foreground, there is a field of dry, golden-brown grass. A body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, stretches across the middle ground. The sky above is filled with heavy, grey clouds, creating a somber and atmospheric setting.

*SEEK THE LORD
AND LIVE*

AMOS 5:1-17

True Covenant Worship is a heart
that seeks God and His good,
not a hear that hides from God
behind corrupt religion.

What do we seek? (1-5)

Bethel: Trappings Over Truth

When we care more about the
appearance of religion than biblical
truth, we enter into corrupt religion.

**God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth.”**

JOHN 4:24

Gilgal: Ritual Over Renewal

**When we offer God *religious routine*
instead of renewed hearts, we
participate in corrupt religion.**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:2

Gilgal: Genealogy Over Godliness

**When we place our spiritual
confidence in *who we are*
instead of whose we are,
we remain in corrupt religion.**

**If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's
offspring, heirs according to promise.**

GALATIANS 3:29

Seek the LORD and live...

AMOS 5:6A

Why should we seek the Lord? (7-12)

We should seek the Lord because
He is *The Creator*.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

COLOSSIANS 1:16

We should seek the Lord because
He is *The Ruler*.

**When (The Father) raised (Jesus) from the dead,
(The Father) seated (Jesus) at his right hand in the
heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and
power and dominion, and above every name that is
named, not only in this age but also in the one to
come. And he put all things under his feet and gave
him as head over all things to the church, which is
his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

EPHESIANS 1:20-23

We should seek the Lord because
He is ***The Giver of All Good Things.***

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is
from above, coming down from the Father
of lights, with whom there is no variation
or shadow due to change.**

JAMES 1:17

We should seek Jesus because
Jesus is *worthy* to be sought after.

How do we seek the Lord? (13-16)

**We seek the Lord by pursuing
what He calls *good* and fleeing
from what He calls *evil*.**

**Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

JAMES 4:7

Practical Challenge 1

Before making your next significant decision, stop and ask yourself,
“Am I choosing what God calls good?”

We seek the Lord by
hating what He hates,
and *loving* what He loves.

**Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;
hold fast to what is good.**

ROMANS 12:9

Practical Challenge 2

This week, pay attention to what excites you and what angers you to identify what your heart truly loves.

**We seek the Lord when we
sincerely repent of our sins.**

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is
from above, coming down from the Father
of lights, with whom there is no variation
or shadow due to change.**

JAMES 1:17

Practical Challenge 3

Make a time this week to specifically confess your sins to God without excusing, minimizing, or generalizing them.

**...I will pass through your midst,”
says the LORD.**

AMOS 5:17B

**And behold, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”**

MATTHEW 28:20