

Title: Famous Amos (Burden Bearer)

Text: Amos 5

Target: To understand that we can make a life, not just a living.

- I. **Know God Personally:** *“Seek me and live, but do not seek Bethel and do not enter into Gilgal or cross over to Beersheba...”* (Vs.5:4-5)
 - A. **Possess a relationship with God:** Head Knowledge vs. Heart Knowledge.
 - B. **Prioritize time with God:** Obligation or Opportunity.
 - C. **Fulfill the Purpose of God:** General Will & Specific Will.

- II. **Experience God’s Sufficiency:** *“He who **made** the Pleiades and Orion, and **turns** deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who **calls** for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name”* (Vs. 5:8)
 - A. **Perspective of the Constellations:** Pleiades & Orion
 - B. **Pattern of Creation:** Morning and Night.
 - C. **Provision of Cycles:** Source of Replenishing

- III. **Serve God with Integrity:** *“Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.”* (Vs. 5:14)
 - A. **Can’t be Bought:** *“For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are you sins, you who afflict the righteous”* (Vs. 5:12a)
 - B. **Can’t be Bribe:** *“who take bribe(s)”* (Vs. 5:12b)
 - C. **Can’t be Blinded:** *“turn aside the needy in the gate”* (Vs. 5:12c)

- IV. **Live for God Boldly:** *“Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.”* (Vs. 5:15)
 - A. **In the Sanctuary:** *“take away from me the noise of your songs...”* (Vs. 5:23)
 - B. **In the Gates:** *“Her husband is known in the gates when he sits amongst the elders of the land.”* (Proverbs 31:23)

Take Away: In order to give life, you have to get a life.