

Seek the Lord

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Introduction

1. Amos 5:4-6
2. Amos is not a prophet by trade, but was called by God to do this work Amos 7:14-15
3. He was to prophecy to the northern ten tribes of Israel
4. We have three cities mentioned in our text. They play a major role in the history of the Hebrew people.
5. The mentioning of these cities would recall memories of what had happen in history to these people.
6. We want to study what happened to these cities and make some application to us today.

II Discussion

1. Salvation was not through Bethel
 1. Bethel is a major city in the life of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 1. Abraham Genesis 12:8
 2. Jacob's
 2. We also find that Jeroboam changed God's Worship into calf worship at this place 1 Kings 12:26-33 This better suited him
 3. Today we can worship other thing, we can change God's worship to suit ourselves.
 1. Covetousness Colossians 3:5 The desire to have more, worship is to kiss toward, Vine to make obeisance, to do reverence to.
 2. Idolatry is a work of the flesh Galatians 5:20
 3. It is worshipping the created more than the creator Romans 1:25
2. Salvation was not in Gilgal
 1. Gilgal was the place they worshipped after coming out of Egypt Joshua 4:19; 5:9
 2. The reproach of Egypt had been taken away Joshua 5:9
 3. But Saul changed the worship of God to what pleased him 1 Samuel 13:8-10; Leviticus 10:1-2; ;Amos 4:4
 4. We cannot change the worship of God John 4:24
3. Salvation was not in Beersheba
 1. Abraham dug wells there and Isaac redug those wells Genesis 21:31; 26:23-25
 2. This is in the southern part of the land of Canaan and water was scarce.
 3. They had forsaken God who could sustain them Amos 8:11; Jeremiah 2:13; John 6:48; 7:37; Matthew 4:4
 4. Have we, sitting in our bed of ease (Amos 6:1, forsaken God?
 5. Have we let worship and the house of God lay desolate while we live in our fine houses?
 6. Have we forsaken God who can save us and sustain us?
4. We are to seek the Lord Amos 5:6
 1. While He may be found Isaiah 55:6
 2. In His way not ours Jeremiah 10:23; Hebrews 2:3
 3. Do we like to hear it but do we like to walk therein Jeremiah 6:16
 4. If this is so the results is sin James 4:17
5. The results will be disastrous if we do not. Amos 5:6
 1. It says break out like fire, this is a simile
 2. Hell will be fire Matthew 13:39-41; 25:41; Revelation 20:15

III Conclusion

1. Choose ye this day whom ye will serve Joshua 25:15
2. We need to sake the Lord in the proper way and in the proper time 2 Corinthians 6:2
3. Choose God and live!

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