

Seek ye the Lord

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Introduction

1. Text Amos 5:4-8
2. Amos is from the south of Jerusalem and sent to preach to Israel
3. He is a contemporary with Isaiah, Micah, Hosea and Ahijah, a non-writing prophet.
4. He, Hosea and Isaiah are preaching the same message Isaiah 55:6; Hosea 10:12
5. Amos tells us what we are to do, who we are to seek, where we are to seek God, and why we are to seek Him, let us notice these more carefully

II Discussion

1. What we are to do. Vs 4
 - a. We are to seek the Lord Vs 4, 6, 8
 - b. Seek means to tread or frequent, usually to follow (for pursuit or search) specifically to worship.
 - c. They were told to search for Him Deuteronomy 4:29; 12:5
 - d. We too are to search for the Lord. Acts 17:22; Matthew 6:33 (Luke 12:31); 7:7; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 11:6
2. Who we are to seek. Vs 8
 - a. He who controls, light, death, waters.
 - b. He made light and the waters Genesis 1:3, 6, 9
 - c. He controls them also Joshua 10:12-13; 2 Kings 20:9; Isaiah 38:8
 - d. He gave these to us to save us. John 4:14; 8:12; 9:5
3. Where we are to seek Him Vs 5
 - a. Some places we are not to seek Him
 - i. Where other gods are Deuteronomy 12:30
 - ii. Not in the sun nor host of heaven Deuteronomy 17:3-4
 - iii. Not to Baal-zebul 2 Kings 1:2; Matthew 12:27
 - iv. Not in Jerusalem John 4:21 The Old Testament
 - v. Not in other countries Isaiah 31:1
 - b. Where we are to seek Him
 - i. We are to look for Him Acts 17:27; Psalm 105:4
 - ii. In the book John 5:39; Acts 8:14,28; 13:7; 17:11
4. Why we are to seek Him Vs 4,6
 - a. While He can be found. Deuteronomy 4:29, Isaiah 55:6
 - b. To live! John 1:4; 11:25; 14:6; Colossians 3:4
 - c. To live abundantly John 10:10
 - d. We must abide in Him John 15:4

III Conclusion

1. Are you seeking the Lord while it is yet day, and while you can still find Him?
2. There may come a time when you can't find him!
3. If you find Him never let Him go, plan of salvation
4. Are you still seeking the Lord, the text was written to His people
5. We can quit seeking Him, so we must be diligent in our search for the Lord!

Sources: Kyle Yates preaching from the prophets; Haily on the prophets and Isaiah ISBE on Isaiah, Amos and Baal-zebub