

⁴ This is what the LORD says to Israel:

“**Seek** me and **live**; ⁵ do not seek Bethel,
do not go to Gilgal, do not journey to Beersheba.
For Gilgal will surely go into exile,
and Bethel will be reduced to nothing.”

⁶ **Seek** the LORD and **live**,
or he will sweep through the tribes of
Joseph like a fire; it will devour them,
and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

Amos 5:4-6



⁷ There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.

¹⁰ There are those who hate the one who upholds justice
in court and detest the one who tells the truth.

¹¹ You levy a straw tax on the poor
and impose a tax on their grain.

Therefore, though you have built stone mansions,
you will not live in them;

Amos 5:7, 10-13

though you have planted lush vineyards,
you will not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your offenses
and how great your sins.

There are **those who oppress** the innocent and take bribes
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

¹³ Therefore **the prudent** keep quiet in such times,
for the times are evil.

Amos 5:7, 10-13

¹⁴ **Seek** good, not evil,
that you may **live**.

Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say he is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good;
maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy
on the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:14-15

21 "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.

22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and
grain offerings, I will not accept them.

Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.

23 Away with the noise of your songs!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Amos 5:21-24

⁵ See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ...

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

⁴ **However, there need be no poor people among you**, for in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you,
⁵ if only you fully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today.

Deuteronomy 15:4-5

⁷ If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them.
⁸ Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

21 When you **harvest** the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow.

Deuteronomy 24:21

22 " 'When you reap the **harvest** of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.' "

Leviticus 23:22

¹ At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts.

Deuteronomy 15:1

⁹ Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: “The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near,” so that you do not show ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin.

Deuteronomy 15:9

²³ The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. ²⁴ Throughout the land that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

Leviticus 25:23-24





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²⁷ **Religion** that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27

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