

Women on Purpose

Chapter 5 “The Call to Repentance”

Section: Beware of Complacency, page 28-30

Amos begs Israel to seek God and live, not to trust in religion that soothes carnal desires (Amos 5:4-5). Again he begs: seek God and live, because religion cannot save them from the judgement of God (Amos 5:6). Religion is important, but having a spiritual relationship is vital. It does not shield us from the hard times of life, but it serves as support and strength in those hard times. Israel had their thinking all backwards. They believed that their religion was tied to their purpose, which made them become complacent (lazy) in nurturing their relationship with God. It just became a part of their to-do list, instead of their love and strength-building time.

Thought Question: How many times does God plead for us to turn around when we’ve strayed from our purpose?

Thought Question: How do you view your relationship with God? Do you see it as just another part of your list of things to get done, or do you look forward to seeing Him and spending time with Him?

Thought Question: How do you reflect your relationship with God to the relationships you have on your job, with others in ministry, or in your personal or professional relationships? How are they similar, or different?

God speaks with so much passion and hurt in His heart with conviction to Israel of how they turn justice into bitterness throwing righteousness to the ground. He serves as our mirror of righteousness and how to handle situations correctly, and when we choose to do things our own way, it is as if we throw God’s wisdom to the ground as if it is trash!