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The Heroes Of The Faith: Seek The Lord And Live!

Amos 5-6

Main idea: True worship and right repentance seeks the Lord, not mere religion, and produces ministers of mercy who change the world one life at a time.

Introduction

- Does anybody want to be a prophet?
- The good fruit of a hard funeral

Four Love-filled Warnings Of An Upcoming Funeral - (Chapter 5)

- 1) It's your funeral! - **vv. 1-3**
 - Dead or alive? - **Revelation 3:1-3; Matthew 23:23**
- 2) The last call! Seek me! - **vv. 4-9**
 - True seeking seeks God, not dead religiosity - **vv. 4-6; Matthew 5:6;20;6:33**
 - There is a "plan B", don't choose it!
 - True seeking has one object with one name - **vv. 8-9; Exodus 34:6-8**
- 3) Their first mistake: You silenced the wise - **vv. 10-13**
 - You silenced the truth-bearers; sin multiplied - **Proverbs 15:10**
 - Once silenced, you oppressed them
 - They took their hands off society, seeking God's protection - **Zeph. 2:3**
- 4) The last call, again!! - **vv. 14-17**
 - True repentance puts on and puts off
 - Seek the good, hate the wicked - **Psalms 97:10; Romans 12:9**
 - Be just to all people - **Acts 10:34**
 - True repentance always bears fruit - **Matthew 3:7-12; Eph. 4:22-24**
 - True repentance brings life
 - So that you might live! - **v. 14b; Deuteronomy 30:15, 19**
 - So that the Lord of Hosts is with you! - **v. 14c; Malachi 3:17; 1 Samuel 17:45**

So What?

Three steps towards a biblical security - **(Chapter 6)**

- Reject comfortable Christianity, but embrace a missional lifestyle - **v. 1; Matthew 16:24-27; John 12:25-26**

- Reject prideful independence, but embrace a humble dependence - **vv. 4-8; Matthew 23:11-12; Mark 10:42-45**
 - Reject cold harshness towards others, but embrace the richness of mercy - **v. 12 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Hosea 12:6**
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Now What? (Growth Group Discussion)

*** Leader's Notes

- Describe a moment of injustice in your life experience. How about a moment of mercy?
- Read **Luke 18:1-8**. Why did Jesus tell this parable? (v.1)
 - They must always pray - **Colossians 4:2; Luke 21:36**
 - That they must not lose heart - **2 Thessalonians 3:13**
- Does this parable teach us the foundation for our times of trouble and injustice? (v. 7)
 - **Revelation 6:10; Psalm 79:10; Romans 8:33**
- How might the fact of God's promised justice give us peace in times of trouble?