

## Seeking God, Finding Justice

Amos 5:14-15

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### Psalm 89:14 (NASB95)

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

### Galatians 3:28 (NASB95)

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

“If a view of justice breaks people into group identities, generating a spirit of mutual suspicion, hostility, fear, labeling, offended-ness and preoccupation with one’s subjective feelings then it is not true justice. A biblical worldview champions a unifying kind of love that ‘is not easily offended,’ and offers us the fruit of the Spirit like joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control.”

Thaddeus Williams

### Isaiah 29:20b–21 (NIV)

...all who have an eye for an evil will be cut down— 21 those who with a word make someone out to be guilty, who... deprive the innocent of justice.

### Amos 5:1–2 (NASB95)

1 Hear this word which I take up for you as a dirge, O house of Israel: 2 She has fallen, she will not rise again— The virgin Israel. She *lies* neglected on her land; There is none to raise her up.

### Amos 5:4–7 (NASB95)

4 For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel, “Seek Me that you may live. 5 “But do not resort to Bethel And do not come to Gilgal, Nor cross over to Beersheba; For Gilgal will certainly go into captivity And Bethel will come to trouble. 6 “Seek the Lord that you may live, Or He will break forth like a fire, O house of Joseph, And it will consume with none to quench *it* for Bethel, 7 *For* those who turn justice into wormwood And cast righteousness down to the earth.”

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### Amos 5:10–13 (NASB95)

10 They hate him who reproves in the gate, And they abhor him who speaks *with* integrity. 11 Therefore because you impose heavy rent on the poor And exact a tribute of grain from them, *Though* you have built houses of well-hewn stone, Yet you will not live in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, yet you will not drink their wine. 12 For I know your transgressions are many and your sins are great, *You* who distress the righteous *and* accept bribes And turn aside the poor in the gate. 13 Therefore at such a time the prudent person keeps silent, for it is an evil time.

### Amos 5:14–15 (NASB95)

14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; And thus may the Lord God of hosts be with you, Just as you have said! 15 Hate evil, love good, And establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the Lord God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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### Amos 5:21–23 (NASB95)

21 “I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 “Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept *them*; And I will not *even* look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. 23 “Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.

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**Amos 5:24 (NASB95)**

24 “But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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