

Justice for All?  
Amos 5

Review:

1. While we Americans have made great progress in ensuring that everyone is equal under the law, we all have a responsibility in our daily lives to promote justice for the needy
2. True faithfulness means relying on Christ alone in order to worship God alone
3. Living for the glory of God alone means we can look forward to Christ's coming, when He will bring perfect justice to everyone

Reflect:

1. What injustices exist in your community? What steps can you take to help remedy some of them?
2. What concrete steps can you take to help your needy neighbors?

Go Further: Read Leviticus 19:1-18

1. In verse 2, why does the Lord tell His people to be holy?
2. What two actions does verse 3 require? How do these actions show love for God and others?
3. In verse 4, what prohibitions does the Lord make concerning idols?
4. According to verses 7 and 8, how could someone profane an offering made to God? How do you think this points to the sacrifice of Christ?
5. In verses 9 and 10, how does the Lord tell His people to provide for the needy and strangers? Why do you think such a practice would be helpful?
6. What three prohibitions does the Lord make in verse 11?
7. How does verse 12 say that we should treat God's name? How does this show love for God?
8. What five hurtful actions do verses 13 and 14 prohibit? How are these inconsistent with love for others?
9. According to verse 15, who deserves justice? What does this principle have to say about the modern interest in "social justice?"
10. What two hurtful actions does verse 16 prohibit? How are these inconsistent with love for others?
11. What does verse 17 prohibit us from doing? What does it allow us to do?
12. What two actions does verse 18 prohibit? What does it require of us?

Summary and Application:

1. Think about how God tells His people to care for the needy in verses 9 and 10. How can you put the big idea of these verses into practice in your own life?
2. According to verse 17, what is the difference between hate and reproof? How can we correct one another without being hateful?
3. Jesus summarized God's Law in Matthew 22:37-40. Given your study of Leviticus 19, what steps can you take to show love more consistently to God and to others? What do you need to stop doing?
4. Seven times in today's passage, God reminds His people that "I am the Lord." Why do you think God keeps reminding the people of His relationship to them? How does remembering your relationship with God reduce your inclination to sin against Him? How does it increase your desire to live the way He wants you to?