

Transformative Worship

Amos 5:18-27

#1: False Hope (vs. 18-20)

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why would you have the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

Matthew 7:22-23

²² *On that day, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'*

#2: False Worship (vs. 21-24)

²¹ *"I hate, I despise your feasts,*

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² *Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,*

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

²³ *Take away from me the noise of your songs;*

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴ *But let justice roll down like waters,*

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Christ's Arrival

Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Implication

O ye, beneath life's crushing load,

whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow.

Oh, Holy Night

Christ's Arrival

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth

Implication

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.

Amos 2:6b-7

*...they sell the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of sandals—
7 those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth
and turn aside the way of the afflicted;
a man and his father go in to the same girl,
so that my holy name is profaned;*

#3: False gods and Exile (vs. 25-27)

*25 "Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness,
O house of Israel? 26 You shall take up Sikkuth your king, and Kiyyun your star-god—
your images that you made for yourselves,
27 and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus," says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.*

#4: Reflection

1. Are we "worshiping" without God?
2. What is the fruit of your worship?
3. Are you broken over brokenness?
4. Where do I start?
5. Godly Stewardship