



THE LION ROARS

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MISTAKEN BELIEFS

COUNTERFEIT WORSHIP

WORLDWIDE BLESSING

MISTAKEN BELIEFS VS. 18-20

AMOS 5:18-20

Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord!
Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That
day will be darkness, not light. ¹⁹ It will be as
though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house and rested his
hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

AMOS 5:18-20

²⁰ Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light — pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

AMOS 5:14

**Seek good, not evil, that you may live.
Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say He is.**

**WHAT DO WE DO WITH
A GOD WHO JUDGES?**

COUNTERFEIT WORSHIP VS. 21-23

AMOS 5:21-23

“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³ Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

LARRY RICHARDS on hypocrisy in the NT:

The Greek words hypokrinomai (appears once in the NT), hypokrisis (6 times in the NT, and hypokrites (20 times in the NT) denote someone acting out the part of a character in a play.

LARRY RICHARDS on hypocrisy in the NT:

In Greek drama the actors held over their faces oversized masks painted to represent the character they were portraying. In life, the hypocrite is a person who masks his real self while he plays a part for his audience.

WORLDWIDE BLESSING VS. 24

AMOS 5:24

**But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!**

JUSTICE: behavior that enables others
to experience what is good

RIGHTEOUSNESS: cultivation of correct
moral principle

**JUSTICE IS THE FRUIT OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

TIM KELLER, Making Sense of God

Today we have plenty of attestation to abuses of women and children in many countries dominated by religion and also within religious institutions in our own Western societies.

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Yet sociological studies also reveal that in almost any city or community, in the United States the amount of charitable giving, volunteer hours, and nonprofit service to needy groups generated by churches and religious bodies could never be replaced by government services

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without a massive increase in taxes. One study by a University of Pennsylvania professor selected 11 churches and one synagogue and showed that the average economic worth of each to its Philadelphia neighborhood was over 4m a year.

REFLECTIONS: COMMITMENT TO JESUS INVOLVES

- **Head (beliefs - orthodoxy)**
- **Heart (emotions - orthocardia)**
- **Hands (obedience - orthopraxy)**



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