

"I hate, I reject your festivals; nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. 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. Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen" to the sound of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:21-24; NAS).

God means business when it comes to living right! Never think that you can "live like the devil" Monday through Saturday and then worship on Sunday to "make things all right." Worship must be joined with righteous living.

This passage from Amos was originally directed to Israel, in the hopes that they would repent of their sins. Amos was trying to tell them that the best way in which to worship God was not only at the assemblies but in their everyday lives. Trying to do God's will, and repenting of our sins is one way to show our love for the Father.

The apostle Paul said it this way: I urge you therefore, brethren, by» the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect (Rom. 12: 1-2; NAS).

Let (daily) righteousness roll!

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