

Welcome to the Funeral Service  
for the soon-to-be-deceased

## *House of Israel*

also known as  
the Northern Kingdom

### The Order of Service

- The Reading of the Obituary, the Dirge (5:1-3)
- A Call to Seek God and Live (4-7, 14-15)
- Sharing about the Deceased—A Life Not Well Lived (5:7, 10-13, 21-26, 6:1-14)
- Consequences of Such a Life (5:6, 16-20, 27, 6:8-14)
- A Hymn to the Creator, The LORD (5:8-9)

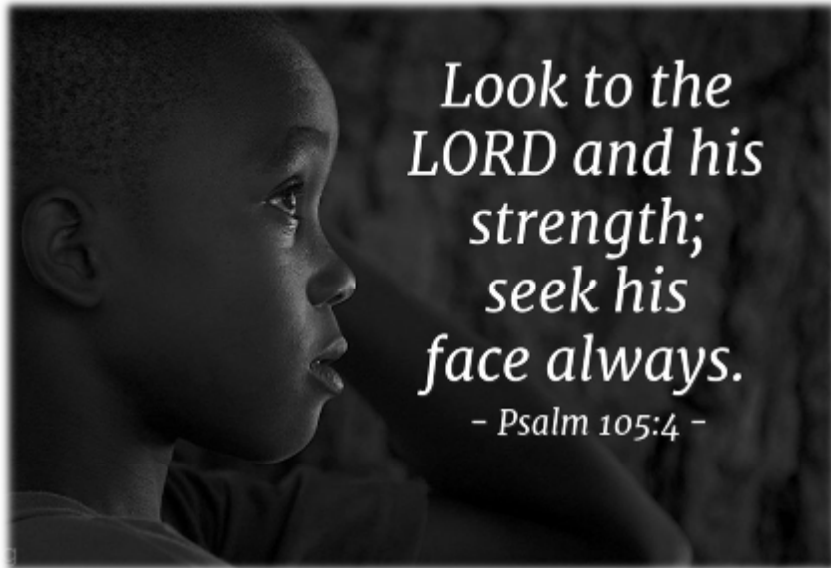
### Justice and Righteousness

Justice is the proper functioning of the court system to decide who or what is right in each individual case.

Righteousness is the behavior of one whose aim is to do what is right for those involved in the case. If a judge is righteous in his decisions the result will be justice.

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- Jeremiah 22:3—“Thus says the LORD, ‘Do justice and righteous, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of the oppressor.’”
- Isaiah 1:7—“Learn to do good; seek justice; rebuke the oppressor, defend the fatherless; plead for the widow.”



## How Do We Seek God?

- Pray and ask Him to reveal Himself.
- Study His word.
- Meditate on it to discover what things please God and do them.
- Spend time in devotion and prayer.
- Listen for His voice, “My sheep hear My voice.”

## When Do We Need to Seek God?

1. When we need salvation (Hebrews 11:6)
2. When we need to repent and reestablish our broken fellowship with God (1 John 1:9)
3. When we need guidance and direction (Proverbs 19:21)

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4. When we desire a deeper and more intimate relationship with God (James 4:6)
5. When we have trouble or trials in our lives, and we need God’s wisdom, strength, assurance, and comfort (James 1:5)



## Righteous People Defend and Help the Poor

- Psalm 82:3—“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed.”
- Proverbs 14:31—“He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his maker.”
- Proverbs 19:17—“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deeds.”

## 1 John 5:10-13

“The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself, . . . and the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may KNOW that you have eternal life.”

## Lessons From Amos 5 & 6

- Hate Evil, Love Truth—Why? Because God hates evil; it’s commanded; it’s the opposite of loving truth and goodness; it protects from sin.
- We can learn to hate evil by fearing the Lord, loving truth, studying Scripture, seeing its consequences, and obeying (Prov.8:13).

## Acceptable Worship

- Worship in Spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:23).
- Treat God as holy (Lev. 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:26).
- Have clean hands and a clean heart (Ps. 24:4).
- Be obedient (1 Sam. 15:21-22).
- Practice justice, mercy and faithfulness (Mt. 23:23).
- Have a pure and contrite heart (Ps. 51).

## Our Moral Authority—Our GOD

We need to “prove ourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15).