

Evil Time Wise People

Amos 5:13

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“So the understanding ones shall keep silent in that time; for it *is* an evil time.” (MKJV)

It is true that the times are changing and many agree that the direction or trend that things are moving is not in a positive direction. What are the right choices for a Christian man or woman to be making during these times? As is always true in any kind of situation, seek wise council.

- Ps.89:7 – God is to be greatly feared
- Ps.111:10 – Wisdoms beginning
- Pro.11:14 - Many advisers bring success
- Prov.15:22 – Failure related to little council

When a person fears the Lord, making right choices becomes important (Wise) because the outcome of their choices determines a future far greater than that one person. (1Pet.1:12) Since these things are true, what kind of people should we be? Wise people preferably. (Eph.5:16)

So why should a person fear God? You might think this a foolish question but it is plain that many in the world do not and many in the Church are guilty of the same. In the discourse from Amos 5:13 it can be seen that fearing God was at an all time low too. How do we know that? Because of the peoples behavior and in theirs a reflection of our own times. (1Cor.10:11)

- They hate justice and truth – 5:10
- They rob from the poor – 5:11
- They oppress the righteous for bribes – 5:12b
- They deprive the poor of justice – 5:12b

So why fear God? Because God is! Since it is true that God is all that He says He is and because it is also true that He will carry out everything He says He will; wisdom says do what is right.

- By His Power He creates – Amos 4:13, 5:8
- By His power He does what man can't – Amos 5:8
- By His power nothing is hidden – Amos 5:12a
- By His power comes judgments – Amos 5:4-6

To be people of wisdom, a people who seek Godly council so that their choices bring blessings to a future not yet revealed, these things need considering:

- Seek the Lord – Amos 5:4,b, 6b; Mat.6:33
- Seek what is good – Amos 5:14; Psa.34:12-16; Mica.6:8; Rom.2:7-9
- Do not seek “the day of the Lord!” – Amos 5:18-20

Our country and its direction is reversible if God's children will once again choose what is right and good and just and proper. When the time to choose is yours to make, make the fear of the Lord your first choice. Your second choice is to choose those who demonstrate that they understand the first. The fear of the Lord restrains the motives of the heart.