

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for July 28

AMOS

LESSON TEXT—Amos 7:7-17. GOLDEN TEXT—But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.—Amos 5:24. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Hero Preacher. JUNIOR TOPIC—When God Needed a Hero. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Standing for the Right. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—God's Plumb Line and Our Social Order.

Amos was a herdsman called of God to be a prophet. A prophet is one who speaks forth the message of God. He convicts the people of their sins, pleads for them to get right with God. The only effective way to correct wrong social usage is to bring the people into right relationship with God.

I. The Call of Amos (1:1). He was a herdsman and gatherer of sycamore fruit (7:14). He was not a prophet by succession, neither was he trained in the prophetic schools.

II. To Whom Amos Was Sent (1:1). Though he was from Judah, his ministry was to be primarily to Israel.

III. Amos' Message.

1. Sins denounced (2:6-8; 6:1-6).

a. Avaricious greed (2:3-8).

(1) Sold the righteous for silver (v. 6).

(2) The Judge, for a bribe of silver, declared the innocent to be guilty.

(3) Sold the poor for a pair of shoes (v. 6). It doubtless referred to the practice of selling into slavery the debtor who could not pay for a pair of shoes which he had been sold on credit.

(4) Pants after the dust of the earth (v. 7). So avaricious had these men become that they even grasped after the earth which the downtrodden poor cast upon their head in their mourning because of their misery.

(5) Turned aside the way of the meek (v. 7). These grasping men turned aside the meek, that is, those who did not stand up for their rights.

(6) Licentiousness (v. 7). So notorious were the immoralities practiced that they were even guilty of incestuous prostitution. How adequately this pictures the licentiousness of our present age.

b. Reckless security (6:1-3). They closed their eyes to the approaching judgment predicted by the prophet.

c. Luxury (6:4-6). Their luxury expressed itself in:

(1) Extravagant furniture. They had beds of ivory, which means, doubtless, wood inlaid with ivory.

(2) Laziness (v. 4). Many stretched themselves on their couches, thus living lives of indolence.

(3) Feasted on delicacies (v. 4). They bought what they desired, regardless of its cost.

(4) Adorned their feasts with music (v. 5). They sang idle songs, even inventing musical instruments for this purpose.

(5) They drank wine (v. 6). They drank from bowls, indicating excessive drinking.

d. They failed to grieve for Joseph. Many are today indulging in luxury, entirely indifferent to the crying needs of others.

2. The remedy proposed (6:4-9). The prophet called upon them to return to God. The time to repent is while divine judgment is stayed. In their turning to God they were to renounce:

a. Idolatry (vv. 5, 6). They were to turn away from the places of idolatry—Bethel, Gilgal, and Beer-sheba.

b. Seeking to pervert judgment (v. 7). Turning judgment to wormwood implies the bitterness of the perversion of judgment to the injured.

c. Seeking to dethrone righteousness (v. 7). "Leaving off righteousness" is thought to mean that unrighteousness was allowed to take its place.

IV. Intercedes for the People (7:1-9). The prophet stands here not merely as the proclaimer of judgment, but as the intercessor for the people.

V. Opposed by Amaziah the Priest (7:10-17).

1. Message sent to Jeroboam (vv. 10, 11). The priest sought to hinder the prophet by informing the king of the judgment which Amos proclaimed.

2. He attempted to silence the prophet (vv. 12, 13).

3. The prophet's bold reply (vv. 14-17).

a. He declared that he had received his commission from God directly (vv. 14, 15). The one who has heard the call of God must be faithful in the declaration of his message even though opposed by ecclesiastical and political leaders.

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Doom pronounced (vv. 16, 17).

He set forth the shame and distress of the Babylonian captivity, which came upon them because of their unfaithfulness to God.

An Overwhelming Thought

How could we bear that overwhelming thought "Thou knowest"—the thought that there is certainly somewhere, unless also we had the conviction warm at our hearts, "Thou lovest"—the certainty that the deepest certainty of all is the love of him who orders all.—W. Charles.

Better Thoughts

A single gentle rain makes the grass many shades greener; so our prospects brighten on the influx of better thoughts.

SCENES AT UTILITY PROBE IN CAPITAL

Chairman of Public Utilities Executives Committee Says That Power Lobby Spent Huge Sum to Defeat Legislation.



WASHINGTON.—There was plenty of action here as the House Rules Committee hearings and the special Senate Lobby Committee investigation got under way on lobby activities when the public utilities bill, with the "unnecessary" holding companies clause, was before the House. Top photo shows a general view of the House committee hearings. Center, Representative Sam Rayburn (D. Texas) and Senator Burton Wheeler (D. Mont.) co-authors of the utilities bill, looking on at the House hearings. Below, Philip H. Gadsden of Philadelphia, Chairman of a Public Utilities Committee of Executives which was formed to oppose the abolition clause. He gave evidence before the Senate Lobby Committee that more than \$300,000 had been spent by the utility executives in an effort to defeat the provision.

LIFE A TRAINING SCHOOL

When we look out over the many disappointments that cover our travel through life, we come to the conclusion that this world is only a training school for us. The years are passing faster than they used, the milestones seem to recur more often. We travel, many of us, in the evening shadows; we look out on life and see it softer in outline, more mellow in coloring, than of old. We are tired often now, when we used to never be weary; the rest seems as though it would be sweeter when we reach the end.

We are less eager about the passing things on the wayside than we were. But ever growing in our hearts is the abiding sense that though we see much around us to dishearten and to make us sad, though we can see no visible means to right the wrong, no immediate help for much that has made life's journey inexpensively sorrowful, God will not fail. The eventual triumph of right is as certain as that the light which falls upon us today had its being in the sun. We dimly begin to see that this infant school of a world is but the training ground. We are passing on to see the unfolding of God's purposes, not the finality. Our very failures are like the child's tottering steps. The fall does not mean that the little one will never walk erect; but only the process of time can teach the lessons of gravitation. We need not despair because good seems as yet to be held down by evil. God can make no failure, but our lives must be in the current of His will, for then only we can develop and help forward His plans and learn the lessons that He will teach us here. It is this sense of the evolving process of life that can alone bring us courage—the absolute, blind belief that, though we see it not, God is carrying out His plans and purposes not only for the individual, but for the great mass of toiling, suffering, struggling humanity. May we, when we are called to pass to the next standard, look lovingly into the faces of our fellow-man and feel we have helped to make their lives easier, as we go out to learn more of the will and mind of God.

—EDW. N. HAHN.

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The defendant in the above-entitled action will take notice that on the 16th day of July, 1935, a summons in said action was issued against the defendant by the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County, North Carolina, and that complaint has been filed in said action asking for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant; that said summons is returnable before said Clerk at his office in Boone, N. C., on the 15th day of August, 1935. The defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before said Clerk at his office in Boone, N. C., within the time required by law and answer or demur to the complaint filed therein or the relief demanded therein will be granted.

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North Carolina, Watauga County: Foreclosure Suit for Taxes Instituted During Month of June, 1935. R. M. Ward and wife, Bessie Ward, vs. Mrs. Maggie Ward, R. L. Ward and W. H. Shull, Peoples Industrial Bank, and A. L. Ward and wife, Lula Ward.

The defendant, R. L. Ward, above named, will take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga County, North Carolina, to foreclose a tax certificate due the plaintiff for taxes paid by the plaintiff for the year 1932 for the County of Watauga, and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga County, at the courthouse in Boone, North Carolina, on the 5th day of August, 1935, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

All other persons claiming any interest in the property of defendant, being a lot of one acre in Laure Creek Township, Watauga County, North Carolina, and known as the T. L. Ward and Maggie Ward home place, will take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County and set up their claims within six months from the 1st day of July, 1935; otherwise they will be forever barred and foreclosed of any or all interest or claims in or to the property or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

This the 1st day of July, 1935. A. E. SOUTH, Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga County.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO PRESENT CLAIMS

North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court: Rosy I. Haynes vs. Woodcraft Novelty Co., Inc. To the Creditors of the Woodcraft Novelty Co., Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed receiver for the Woodcraft Novelty Company, Inc., and pursuant to an order of court, notice is given to all the creditors of the Woodcraft Novelty Company, Inc., to present their claims, whether a preferred or common claim, to the undersigned Receiver at the office of the Woodcraft Novelty Company, Inc., in Boone, N. C., and the said creditors are further notified unless their claims are presented within three months from the date of this advertisement that they will be barred from participating in the assets of the said corporation.

This the 1st day of July, 1935. W. H. GRAGG, Receiver.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee on the 20th day of December, 1930, by S. C. Eggers and wife, Nora S. Eggers, and A. E. South and wife, Mayoelle South, to secure the sum of \$8,436.47 to the Watauga County Bank, said deed of trust being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County, in Book 15 of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust at page 31, and default having been made in the payment of the sum thereby secured as therein provided, I will on Monday, July 29th, 1935, at the courthouse door of Watauga County, at 1:00 p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: BEGINNING on a stake at the corner of Queen and Water streets and runs south 18 degrees west with the west side of Water Street 83 feet to a stake in said street; thence north 54 degrees west 70 1/2 feet to a stake in line of courthouse lot; thence north 27 degrees east 79 feet to a stake in Queen Street; thence south 54 degrees east with Queen Street 57.8 feet to the beginning, containing one-fourth acre, more or less, the same being lots No. 6, 7, and 8 as per map made by Cyrus C. Babb of Hickory, North Carolina, on June 23rd, 1923. This 25th day of June, 1935. G. P. HAGAMAN, Trustee.

T. E. Bingham, Attorney 7-4-4



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