

Church

God pleads with his followers to repent from their evil sins

A PLEA FOR GENUINE REPENTANCE

(Read from your Bible
Hosea 5:8-7:16)

"I desired mercy and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." (Hosea 6:6)

Our lessons continue in the Spring quarter of studies under the general theme of "Love that will not let us go." This is the third of five lessons from Hosea. The first lesson centered on the tragedy of Israel. God was going to bring judgement upon the sinful nation. The second lesson centered on the love of God. Though His mercy must end for a time, while His judgement reined, and Israel could not be His people for a while, yet His love did not fail.

Now, our lesson for today makes the difference between tragedy and triumph; it is repentance. Sin was bringing disaster to Israel. Restoration and triumph must wait for Israel to forsake his sin and turn back to her God.

CALL AND PROMISE

(Hosea 5:15-6:3)

"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and see my face: i their affliction they will seek my face early." The call to repentance and the promise of restoration once repentance comes forth from the nation, Israel. What a picture we get of a just God. In the Old Testament the relationship between God and His people is expressed in terms of a husband and a

wife.

In the New Testament we see this same relationship expressed in terms of a father and a son relationship. In both cases, the principle of love, disobedience, repentance, forgiveness and restoration are the same. God created people in His own image and He pronounced His creation to be very good. God created the earth and, in it, He supplied, all that people need for sustenance.

He made a covenant with man to provide his needs, under certain conditions; man must live obedient to God commands. Israel, like many people and nations of today, choose to pursue lust, greed and self-centeredness. They do so to their own hurt. God is Holy and righteous. Sin sepa-

rates man's relationship to God and brings God's perfect justice and judgement as recompense.

THE LORD'S LAMENT

(Hosea 6:4-6)

"For I desired mercy, not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt sacrifices." (Verse 6)

There are some great gems of spiritual wisdom in these verses. In another time, when Micah was a prophet in Judea, the people were asking what God required from them.

Perhaps one of the foremost questions of our day is, "What does God want from us?" In these verses God, through Hosea, reminded the people what He expected of them. One requirement was knowledge of God. A

person cannot be obedient to God's commands without first knowing what He has commanded.

Outside of sure knowledge, we just wonder, and speculate. Secondly, God said that He wanted mercy. Mercy may be interpreted as loving kindness, or steadfast love, or brotherly love. Surely an expression of unselfishness towards others. In general, I believe these verses tell us that we are not to live during the week according to the world's values, and expect a hefty offering on Sunday to right the wrongs in our lives during the week.

ISRAEL'S RESPONSE

(Hosea 6:7-10)

"I have seen horrible things in the house of Israel; there is the whoredom

of Ephraim, Israel is defiled." Israel responded to God's call for repentance by doing exactly the opposite of what He desired. She continued in her worship of baal idols, she continued her injustice to the poor, her unfair weights and measures in business, her adultery and other iniquities. Consequently, Israel's days were numbered. A sad ending for a nation and people with so great promise. (Lesson based on the International Sunday School Lessons)

Perquimans residents participate in Asian mission study

Almost 400 United Methodist, including men, women and children, form the Elizabeth City District, participated in a Southern Asian Mission Study held recently in Edenton, Ahoskie and Manteo.

The study was held two Saturdays and a Sunday under the direction of Mrs. Robert Turner of Jarvisburg,

district coordinator of global concerns.

Presented in the form of a festival in a marketplace setting, the study focused on Parkistan, Bangladeshi, India, Nepal and India, a film on the work of Mother Teresa, displays from countries studied and a covered

dish dinner made from Southern Asian recipes.

The study groups took turns participating in the varied activities and while some were dining, others learned methods of batik printing on materials and paper art work with the remainder brouing in the mar-

ketplace where exhibits from the various countries were displayed. More than \$1,000 worth of native crafts obtained through SERV, an organization that promotes the sale of crafts from underdeveloped countries, were sold during the three sessions of the festival.

Teachers included Mrs. Lena Bird

of Grandy, Mrs. Orion Wallace of Edenton, Mrs. Pat Familiar of Gatesville, Mrs. Elizabeth Zarbach of Edenton and Mrs. Rebecca Rhodes of Columbia. All teachers and number of others assisting were dressed in native apparel.

Church calendar

First Baptist schedule

The First Baptist Church begins Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship starts at 11:00 a.m. Pastor London will preach from the subject "A Building Code for Homes" Genesis 2:24. The senior choir will sing under the directin of Barbara Shannon, organist.

Midweek Prayer and Bible Study is held on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

NAACP to meet

The Perquimans County Association for Advancement Of Colored Peoples (NAACP) Branch will have a musical program at Bagley Chapel Baptist Church on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. This program is for the benefit of Sister Leslie Riddick whom will represent this branch as Mother of the Year in Raleigh for the State Annual NAACP Mother of the Year Contest. Each church or civil group is asked to give \$25. Any and all personal donations are accepted.

Areas choirs will sing. Mrs. Riddick is a native of Perquimans County and a member of the Riddick Grove Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend.

Fellowship Union to meet

The Perquimans County Fellowship Union will meet at the Bagley Chapel Baptist Church with the Rev. George Harper and the Galatia Missionary Baptist Church in charge of service. The Rev. Willie B. Moore is host and the Rev. J.H. London is president and founder.

Bible study to meet

Church records microfilmed

WINSTON SALEM, NC—Bethel Baptist Church, Route 1, Hertford, N.C., has recently had their records, 1850-1857 microfilmed at no cost by the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection, Z. Smith Reynolds library, Wake Forest University. This filmed volume will join records dating from the formation the church in 1805 that had been filmed earlier. A security copy of the church records will be stored in the Collection in the event that something happens to the original records.

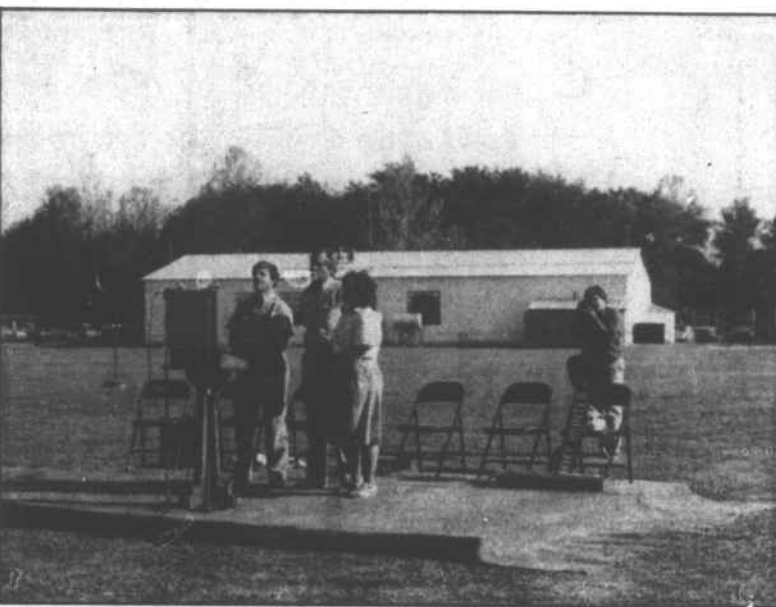
John R. Woodard, Director of the N.C. Baptist Historical Collection said that the records would also join those from Great Hope and Hertford Baptist churches that are on film. Mr. Woodard invites all other Hertford County Missionary, Primitive and Black Baptist churches to have their records filmed at no cost. Interested individuals and churches may call Mr. Woodard at (919) 761-5089 or write to him at P.O. Box 7777, Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Card of Thanks

The family of Noah Felton, Jr. acknowledges with great appreciation everything done for us during his illness and death. We thank you for the visits, food, flowers, cards and prayers offered on our behalf. Your expressions of sympathy have helped us through a difficult time.
Elizabeth Felton
Betty Ann Gregory & Family
Becky Boynton & Family

The Family of Benjamin Haywood Chappell would like to thank everyone who remembered us with flowers, cards, visits, food, prayers, and any other acts of kindness shown to us during his sickness and death. May God Bless each of you.
Virginia Chappell
William Wray Chappell
Sharon Stanton — Ann Ayscue

I would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards, food, flowers, telephone calls, and especially your prayers and all other acts of kindness, during the time I was a patient in Chowan Hospital, and since my return home. May God bless you.
Julian Powell



Jimmy and Helen Hunter along with Pat Harrell are shown here as they sing God Bless America at the conclusion of Saturday's program.

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Respectfully,

Larry Swindell

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WHEN YOUR CHICKENS COME TO ROOST

Rev. J.H. London
First Baptist Church
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So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai.

"The mills of God grind slow. But they are exceeding small". It is a Law. "What so ever a man soweth that shall he also shall reap." You don't plant beans and expect blueberries; if you expect love, you got to give love. If you expect people to follow you, you got to be a good follower. Your deeds will come home to roost.

Haman had made elaborate plans to have Mordecai the Jew hanged on a gallows fifty cubits high. But, his scheme was thwarted by the intervention of Queen Esther. And Haman died on the very gallows he had made for Mordecai. His evil intentions had come back upon his own head, his chickens had come home to roost.

King Solomon said in Proverbs 26:27-28 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall there into and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him; "Yes your Chickens will come Home to roost."

A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it. And flattering mouth worketh ruin. Psalm 7:16 David said; His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate. God grant that this day we may serve Him, and treat our fellow men as we ourselves want to be treated. Before you act, turn the table around, and ask yourself if you want to be treated the same way. Remember — Chickens Come Home to Roost — and some day we will be rewarded according to our works.

II Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. That every one may receive the things done in His body. . . Whether it be good or bad."

Romans 14:12-13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: But judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brothers way, for your deeds will come home to Roost.

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