Sunday School Lesson

LESSON I
AMOS PLEADS FOR JUSTICE
Amos 5, 7

Printed Text, Amos 5:1, 10-15,21-24
Golden Text: "Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate." Amos 5:15.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — About 760 B.C.

Place — The prophecies of Amos were uttered at Bethel, twelve miles north of Jerusalem, and were primarily addressed to northern Israel.

The word "Amos" means "burden" or "burden-bearer". The introduction to the book informs us that he lived during the days of Uzziah, the king of Judah, who reigned from 810 to 758 B.C., and of Jeroboam II, who reigned over Israel from 825 to 773 B.C. Amos thus was a contemporary of Hosea and of the greatest of all the prophets, Isaiah. Of the life of Amos we know nothing outside what is found in this book, but his own writing reveals a very distinct and interesting character. He was undoubtedly a peasant, springing from a poor and obscure family — a shepherd, and therefore a natural-born preacher. He lived close to nature.

IN AMOS' DAY

Amos affords us a picture of the actual condition of the people of the Northern Kingdom. The luxury of the rich was conspicuous. These luxuries, he says, were obtained by means which he calls "violence and robbery"; by oppression of the poor and needy; by dishonest trading; by taking bribes. The women showed themselves as cruel and hard-hearted as men. Public and private virtues alike had decayed. Humane laws were openly ignored. The poor man need not look for redress in the courts where justice was openly bought and sold.

PLEADS WITH ISRAEL

Amos 5:1. Hear ye this word that I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of Israel. Amos pleads with Israel to seek the Lord, using the most powerful arguments he could command — that they would regain abundant life and the blessings which the hearts of all men do really crave. 10. They hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. 11. Forasmuch therefore as ye do trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof. 12. For I know how manifold are your transgressions, and how mighty are your sins — ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate from their right. 13. Therefore he that is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil time. It will be noticed in this denunciation of Israel's iniquity that the sin which he reprobates most severely is the injustice of one class to another, of the oppression of the poor by those above them.

THE GOOD MAN

14. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye say. 15. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the emnant of Joseph. Israel is to seek the good that she might live. In Amos, goodness is the doing of justice in society, the securing of fair play between man and man. The man who would even try to live to himself could not be good in the Old Testament sense of the term, however many of the passive virtues he might possess.

SIN IN THE HEART

21. I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take not delight in your solemn assemblies. 22. Yea, though ye offer me your burnt offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts. 23. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24. But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream. What God is condemning here is the hypocrisy of Israel, in that she attempted to keep externally the religious laws which were laid down by Moses, at the same time worshipping false gods of her own creation. Sacrifice, or any other outward religious observance is not, as such, either valued or demanded by God; it is valued and demanded by him only as the expression of a right state of heart. The prophets again and again take occasion to point out to Israel their mistake, and to bring to mind the true nature of spiritual religion.

Starting Post

Montreal has a signpost with arms showing the way to the North Pole, South Pole, London and Paris.

Today's Welsh Guards Follow In Fathers' Footsteps

A detachment of the Welsh Guards is shown undergoing attack exercises behind the lines in France. They are working through the ruins of a building that was riddled with shellfire in the 1914-1918 war. These Tommies are sons of the men who passed this way 25 years ago.

Old-Fashioned Dried Apples

If Yours Are Not Keeping So Well Here's A Hint

Trays are required on which to lay the fruit; these may be purchased, or may be constructed by nailing together, in a square, four wooden laths, and stretching wire gauze or cheese-cloth across the framework.

INTERMITTENT PROCESS

Drying must be done only in a moderately warm oven; the spare heat of the oven or stove may be utilized after the cooking for the day is over. This probably means that the process cannot be a continuous one, and that it will have to be carried out on several evenings, but the fruit does not suffer to any appreciable extent. If an oil-heated or electric oven is available, the heat can be regulated more easily, and the process can be carried out continuously or intermittently according to the general use of the oven. The rack over a coal-range can also be used, provided the fruit is protected from dust.

Apples on the whole stand rying well. The fruit must be carefully peled and cored with all blemishes removed, and cut into rings from ¼ in. to 1-8 in. in thickness. The rings should be arranged in single layers on the trays or threaded on sticks, which can be laid across the trays, and placed near the kitchen fire or in a cool oven at a temperature of not more than 140 degrees F.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

BETTER ON THE QUIZ

And now NBC digs up one to make life a little more difficult for the menfolk. The super statisticians made a check on the Name It and Take It show, heard from WJZ each Friday afternoon at 5:00, and they discovered that the women are better on the Quiz programs than the men.

Our married engineer says he could have told them the women are much better on the quiz, without them spending a lot of money to find out.

FINE YOUNG PIANIST

Daniel Ericourt, the brilliant young French composer-pianist, will be heard again with the Columbia concert orchestra each Monday evening at 10:30. This youthful musician's technique has been hailed by the world's best in the ralm of music . . .who see in him the possible successor to the greatest pianist of them all — Ignace Paderewski.

AND COMEDY

Humour is a fragile substance which, like a chameleon, comes in various sizes and many colors. It ranks as a highly perishable commodity — hard to create and harder still to maintain. Humor . . . in all its shades . . . is the keynote of Music and Manners, a sparkling half-hour of fun and melody that WOR-Mutual offers from its New York studios every Monday evening at 8:30.

Ernie Fiorito, one of the music world's best, waves his baton at a fine band . . . Dawn Powell and Bud Hulick are the rollicking pair of comics . . . and the Eaton Boys make up a quartet that radiates harmony. What more would you ask in a half-hour show? Dial in Music and Manners . . . it's worth a listen.

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There's a new one on the NBC-Red network each evening at 7:15 that will thrill everyone who likes mystery. The program is . . . I Love a Mystery . . . and it brings Barton Yarborough, Walter Patterson and Michael Raffette to the microphone in a series of cracking good mystery tales.

Try this one some evening when you feel like playing detective at your own fireside.

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And don't forget . . . Talk of the Town . . . from CKOC every Thursday night at 7:45. A program of the little towns that are the backbone of Ontario. Listen in . . . it might be from your town!

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THE WEEK IN RADIO

And the weekly dialing . . . Sunday . . . Jack Benny from the NBC-Red network at 7 . . . Screen Guild Theatre via Columbia at 7:30 . . . Monday . . . With the Troops in England on the CBC chain at 8:30 . . . Little Ol' Hollywood from WJZ -Blue at 8:00 . . . Tuesday . . . Mutiny on the High Seas from CKOC at 6:30 . . . Light Up and Listen to CFRB at 7:15 . . . Fibber McGee and Molly from CBL at 9:30 . . . Thursday . . . Waltz Serenade over CBL at 7:00 . . . CBC Opera Hour at 9:00 . . . Friday at 10:00, Woodhouse and Hawkins from the CBC network . . . Saturday, the United States Today, Raymond Gram Swing Talking, from CBL . . . NBC Symphony at 10:00 from CKOC-CBL.

Says King George Real Flying Man

"He Knows His Stuff" Is Tribute Paid by Veteran British Aircraft Superintendent

"His Majesty is a real flying man; he knows his stuff."

This homely tribute was paid the King by Jack Sturgess, 69, a veteran aircraft superintendent, following a Royal tour of a British plant turning out Lysander planes for the Royal Air Force.

As he walked around the shop that turns out the two-seater general utility planes used for army co-operation duties, the King said "it carries me back to Cranwell". That recalled that he was attached to Cranwell Air Force Staff College in 1917 and qualified as a pilot in 1919. He has kept abreast of air affairs since that time.

There were many women workers in the plant and the King told them they were doing fine work for their country. He leaned over the sewing machine on which Mrs. A. J. Parry works 10½ hours daily making airplane engine covers. She won a Royal smile with the comment that "this beats sewing at home."

Keep Jap Beetle Out of Dominion

Everything Is Being Done To Prevent Entry of This Agricultural Pest from U. S.

The menace of the Japanese beetle to agriculture was pointed out to a U. S. Farm and Home Week group at Cornell University recently by Professor P. A. Readio of the department of entomology.

ATTACKS FRUIT, FLOWERS AND TREES

Among the more recently-introduced insect pests, this beetle stands out as the one likely to affect agriculture materially, he said. It is varied in its tastes, and attacks fruit and shade trees, vegetables and flowers. Furthermore, its grubs live in the soil, feed on grass roots, and cause serious damage to lawns and golf courses.

"Introduced as recently as 1916, the beetle has already advanced over a large area of eastern United States, and its further spread and permanent residence seem inevitable. It is already abundant in the southeastern part of New York and is becoming more numerous in northern and western parts of the state." The Canadian government is using every means at its disposal to keep the pest out of Canada.

Bath-tub Tenors Easy On Towels

For Some Reason Quiet Bathers Wear Them Out More Quickly

Singing in the bathtub, despite the wear and tear on the neighbor's nerves, has been recommended to save the wear and tear on bathroom linens.

Scientists at the American Institute of Laundering approved of the bathroom yodelling after research showed that it takes the place of a too-vigorous rubdown.

LIVES CAN TAKE IT

"The silent bather is most likely to seize a bath towel, stretch it as it never should have been stretched and seek new vigor by a strenuous rubdown," the institute reported. "The result is a bath towel that is ruined by having its body stretched out of shape and its threads torn."

The institute concluded that "such maltreatment ranks with shoe wiping and razor blade cleaning as chief causes of bath towel fatalities."

Younger Turks Enjoy Swing

American Girl Introduces Jitterbug Dancing in Istanbul

Louise Duke is a 26-year-old American girl who would rather teach the Turks to jitterbug than return to the peace and security of her Park Avenue home in New York.

Louise was singing in Paris boites when the war broke out, but she only laughed as Americans clamored for passage home. But when the American Government stamped "not valid for travel in Europe" in her passport, she couldn't laugh that off.

FOR THEM, BENNY GOODMAN

Just the same, Miss Duke signed a contract to sing and lead the band in the Park Hotel of Istanbul, Turkey. The United States considers Turkey in Asia.

Under the slim brunette girl's guidance young Turks have become expert "jitterbugs" and the all-refugee band which she conducts are swinging it in regular Benny Goodman style.

"Benny Goodman is the idol of the Turks. I prefer Guy Lombardo, but what can I do," sighs Miss Duke.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THE spoonbill is closely related to the ibises, and differs from them only in its peculiar beak. This bill is a special adaption, designed for the capture of food, which consists of frogs, aquatic insects, mollusks, shellfish, and fishes.

NEXT: What plays the chief role in the lives of fish, in the obtaining of food?

MODERN IRISH BARD

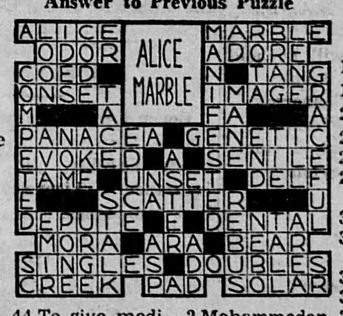
HORIZONTAL

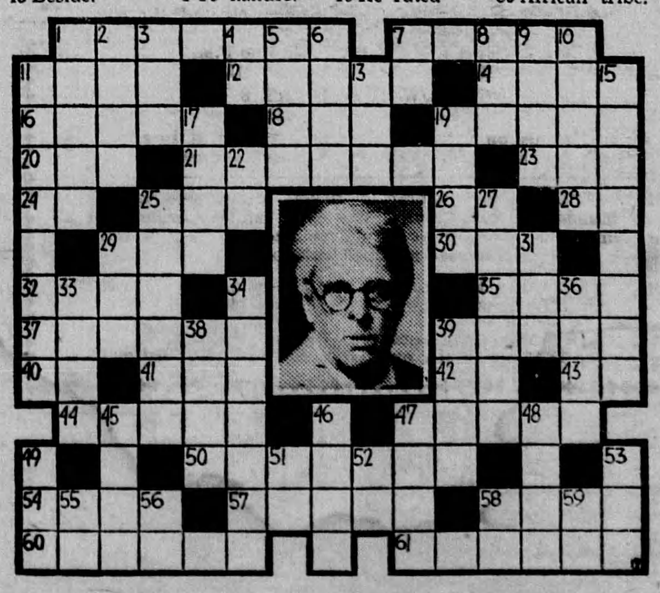
1, 7 Pictured Irish writer.
11 Particular period.
12 To scoff.
14 Ditch.
16 Tract of waste land.
18 Viscous fluid.
19 Mohammedan nymph.
20 Tree, genus Ulmus.
21 To separate from others.
23 Wagon track.
24 Paid publicity
25 To obtain.
26 Mountain.
28 Southeast.
29 Dejected.
30 Genus of grasses.
32 Bad.
35 Measure.
37 Rumor.
39 To direct.
40 Senior.
41 Long inlet.
42 Ell.
43 Beside.
44 To give medical care.
47 Red vegetables.
50 Kind of chicken.
54 Otherwise.
57 Slack.
58 Wise.
60 He wrote fine ——.
61 He was more famous for writing ——.

VERTICAL

1 To handle.
2 Mohammedan priest.
3 To rent.
4 Provided.
5 Singing voice.
6 Dinner.
7 Year.
8 Since.
9 Auto trip.
10 Mass of spores
11 He helped popularize the Irish —— among the best in Irish —— circles.
13 Epoch.
15 He rated
17 Hurried.
19 Bast fiber.
22 Street.
25 In abundance.
27 To toot gently
29 To drink slowly.
31 Form of "be."
33 The color green.
34 Majestically.
36 Pointed ends.
38 French gold coin.
39 Observed.
45 Red flower.
46 Discharged a gun.
47 Brought up.
48 Tramcar.
49 Energy.
51 To move on.
52 Bone.
53 Copper.
55 Behold.
56 And.
58 South Africa.
59 African tribe.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





POP—Hats Off

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