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**The Sunday School Lesson**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**CONSEQUENCES OF IMPETUOSITY AND INJUSTICE.**

Golden Text—Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate. Amos 5:15.

Exposition—1. Warning of Over-indulgence, 4:1-2.

Israelites of Amos' time are described as "kine of Bashan" because these beasts were wanton and unruly, would not stay within the bounds of their own pasturage and were wild. This figure reveals the state of rebellious Israel. It also describes the sinner wild, willful, stubborn, cruel, selfish and proud. Such will not be bound by God's Will. In that company are just, drunkenness, cruelty and death. God's "hooks" have to be employed to restrain such in the mischief that they do.

11. Woe to the Easy Going in Sin 6:1-6, 8-4:7.

This lesson is emphatically for the times in which we live. Verse one describes not only the state of Israel in the time of Amos but also the state of large numbers of professed Christians of our own age and time. Is the average church member deeply concerned about the wide spread corruption of doctrine, about the vast number of un saved men and women in our land, about the awful darkness and desolation that hangs over the millions in heathen lands? What is the average church member doing for Christ? How many are sitting complacently at ease in Zion, as though following Christ were some sort of perpetual vacation. We do well to remember that God has not called us into His service in order that we may enjoy ourselves but to suffer for His name (2 Tim 2:12, Rom 8:17, Phil 1:29). He has not called us to self-indulgence but to self-sacrifice (Matt 16:24). The Old Testament and the New are both full of warnings for those who try to take life easy (Isa 32:9-11, Luke 6:24-26, 12:17-20, 16:19-25, Jas 4:5). It is high time that some of us heeded ourselves if we are to escape the woe that is fast coming upon this apostate world. There is indeed an ease and freedom from anxiety and fret that it is right for us to know (Phil 4:6-7, RV). 1 Pet 5:7, but not that ease that comes from being indifferent to the honor of God in this godless world and unburdened about the awful and imminent peril of men out of Christ.

The rulers and people were at ease because they felt secure in their natural defences (v. 1). They could point to the mountain and its fortifications and say "In these we trust." So it is with society and the Church today, men will not believe that our present magnificent civilization will come to naught. "War," they say, "we were saving a little while ago." "Is a thing of the past. We have outgrown it. Arbitration is the word of the hour, our civilization has outgrown the possibility of war." But nation after nation has arisen to power and splendor and been destined to eternal empire, but here are Assyria and Babylon and Persia and Greece and Rome? Well, did the prophet Amos point Israel to the history of the past (v. 2 of Gen 11:10, Isa 10:9, 2 Ki 17:24, 30, 18:34, 24:19, 2 Chron 26:6). These cities had come and gone, they had risen into eminence and power and sunken again into weakness, obscurity and ruin, let Israel learn a lesson: If we trust in any mountain but God, our doom is sealed. God is fond of teaching by historical precedents (cf. Ezek 31:2, 3; Nahum 3:8). It is a favourite practice with sinners and worldlings to "put far away the evil day" (v. 3). "The day of reckoning," say they, "is very far off, the evil will not overtake or prevent us" (cf. ch 9:10). The woman of the world sees no doom hurrying on apace. She saith in her heart, "I sit as a queen and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow" (Rev 18:7). Sinners make light of warnings, death and judgment and hell are far away (2 Pet 3:4). And so "because sentence against the evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecc 8:11). The unfaithful steward says in his heart, "My Lord delayeth his coming" (Matt 24:48), and they thus encourage themselves in sin to their own ruin, when they say, "Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them" (1 Thes 5:3). The time hastens when the days shall be no longer prolonged (Ezek 12:22-23). In v. 4 we have the fifth specification on God's indictment of Israel's leaders—self-indulgence and voluptuous living. This is one of the regnant sins today.

Few things are doing so much today to rob the Church of power and the treasures of the Lord of needed money as luxurious living (Rev 3:17). The marginal rendering of "Stretch themselves upon their couches" ("abound with superfluities") is very suggestive and certainly describes the state of the average citizen of today (Luke 16:19, 25). There can be no doubt as to how God regards this manner of living (Isa 5:11, 12; 22:12, 13; Rom 13:13, 14; Jas 5:5). How much we need to heed Christ's solemn words

on this subject (Luke 21:34, 35). V. 5 represents this wanton living as being carried on with the accompaniment of song and instrumental music and there seems to be a hint that this is sacrilege. The true purpose of song and music is worship of God (Eph 5:18, 19, Col 3:16, Jas 5:13).

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Robert Wagner of 176 Water St. E. was admitted to the Hamilton General Hospital on Tuesday afternoon. He suffered head injuries in a 12 foot fall at a lumber company yard in Hamilton. His condition is fair. Gazette.

**FRANCE UP MEAT OUTPUT**

The increase in the supply of meat produced in France during 1949 has resulted in a weakening of prices to producers. The government is endeavouring to expand export outlets to strengthen domestic prices.

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