

The Women's Page

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

Amos Pleads for Justice

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1940

GOLDEN TEXT: "Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate." Amos 5: 15.

LESSON PASSAGE: Amos 5: 1, 10-18, 21 - 24.

We live by faith; but faith is not the only way. It is the way of the soul. Of text and legend. Reason's voice and God's; Nature's and Duty's, never are at odds. What asks our Father of his children, save Justice, mercy and humility. A reasonable service of good deeds. Pure living, tenderness to human needs. Reverence and trust, and prayer for light to see The Master's footprints in our daily ways.

—John Greeleaf Whitler
A Rustic Prophet, I

Because of the brevity of his writings, Amos is called a minor prophet, but in moral force he was a major spokesman. He is the earliest of the group of writing prophets to whom he belonged, a rustic man, who cared for his vines and herds. When he went to visit cities, he was appalled at conditions. With his rural background, he was convinced that the people of cities were worldly and pleasure-loving. Amos was no official prophet, authorized by ordination or holding a certificate from the school of the prophets. He spoke for himself and on his own. He made a plea for social justice. His work is still being done in modern days by writers in newspapers, by research men in laboratories, by men of vision in politics and by prophetic souls in pulpits. Many women's organizations are seeking to redress evils which were a burden upon the soul of Amos. There is a constant need for prophets.

Economic Oppression, 10 - 13

Amos rebelled against official censorship. His plain speaking made him unpopular, especially with those whose gains were in danger. He condemned the rulers who exacted taxes of wheat from the poor. He felt there was something wrong in certain families having large houses and luxurious living, while others lacked shelter and went hungry. He exposed the injustice of the rich bribing judges while the poor received severe sentences. Amos was certain that national strength was endangered by dividing the nation into upper and lower classes, the "haves" and the "have nots." He saw plainly that silence would be speaking the truth fearfully would endanger his life, yet he could not keep silent in the presence of social injustice. He knew that the urge to speak came from God.

The Beloved Community, 14, 15

The sense of community is one of the great experiences of life. We find it in the family, in the school, in the city and nation, and more and more there is developing a sense of international fellowship and world citizenship. It is a matter of sentiment or theory alone. It has to do with the practical problems of raw materials, natural resources, money spent for armaments, health policies, exchange of scientific discoveries and security through plenty. If the strife between nations is to cease, such matters as tariffs, currency and exchange rates will have to be adjusted on a world-wide scale. It was the settled conviction of Amos that as soon as human relationships could be set right, God's favour would be granted. His reasoning was sound. Selfishness, suspicion, greed and hate, lead to war. Few Canadians realize the full value of the security resulting from the good will between the United States and Canada.

Religion and Conduct, 21-23

One of the baffling enigmas to Amos was that the men guilty of social injustice were outwardly religious. They enjoyed worship but they felt no conviction of sin concerning their acquisitiveness. They offered external sacrifices and ceremonies but they accepted no responsibility for the welfare of the illiterate and impoverished. Certain modern nations stand out for their skill in music, yet are calloused in the destruction of individuals and certain racial or economic groups. Christ completed the teaching of Amos requiring character and conduct as the expression of the inwardness of religion. The men who were responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus were devoted Pharisees, meticulous in their religious rites. They were scrupulous about tithing, but failed to live in the spirit of love and brotherhood.

The Demand for Justice, 24

Amos had stood at the side of a river and listened to the roar of the waters rushing down. He compared social justice to the music of a mighty stream. What would social justice mean in Canada in the year 1940? Would it not mean a more determined effort to bridge the gap between passengers riding in chair cars and hoboes riding on the tracks? Would it not mean the lessening of the contrast between the mansions in residential districts and the crowded slums of the poor? Would it not mean a readjustment of the returns of labour to the producer and the price of commodities to the consumer? The strong soul of Amos would never be satisfied with words and idealistic poetry about human brotherhood. He would demand that action be taken regarding taxes, sweated labour, unemployment, price fixing, secret commissions, political

corruption, graft in public works. The church that has no conscience about the cruel social injustices of modern life will have to ignore the writings of the prophet Amos. For Christians who wish to be at ease in Zion it is one of the uncomfortable books in the Bible, but it was written for our learning.

- Questions for Discussion**
1. Can you name three Canadian prophets?
 2. Is socialism gaining or losing in Canada?
 3. Have you a constructive plan for a confused nation?
 4. What can ritual do for righteousness?
 5. Is social justice a matter of courts or consciences?
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This Month's Star Recipe

By Betty Barclay

As lemon meringue pie is a favorite with both young and old, I have chosen the following as this month's star recipe.

Try it and see if you don't agree with my choice. Yes! I am giving the meringue recipe also. Follow both carefully and your dessert, that day will be a thrilling dinner finish.

Sunkist Lemon Meringue Pie

- 1 cup water or milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 5 tablepoons cornstarch
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 well-beaten egg yolks
- 1 tablepoon butter
- 6 tablepoons lemon juice

Bring water or milk, sugar, salt and lemon peel to a boil in saucepan on direct heat. Add cornstarch, blended with 1/2 cup of cold water. Cook over low heat, until thickened about five minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add separately, mixing well after each addition, the egg yolks, butter and lemon juice. Pour filling into baked pie shell.

When filling is cool, top with a meringue, made from:

- 2 egg whites
 - 4 tablepoons sugar
 - 1 tablepoon lemon juice
- Beat egg whites until frothy. Add sugar gradually. Continue beating but only until egg holds its shape in peaks. Fold in lemon juice. Brown pie in moderate oven (325 degrees F.) for 15 minutes. Makes one 8-inch pie.

Note—the three lemon pie tricks that are followed in this recipe. Trick one—add lemon juice and egg to pastry mix—result, flaky crust of a superior tenderness. Trick two—cook filling first, then add freshly squeezed lemon juice after the cooking flame is out—result, a filling fragrantly fresh in flavor. Trick three—add a little lemon juice to the meringue—result, a more tender, easy-to-cut meringue.

MURRAY-SMELLIE WEDDING

The United Church—Parsonage, Norval, was the scene of a quiet but very pretty wedding on Saturday, March 23rd, when Della Marie, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Smellie of Norval, was united in holy bands of matrimony to Frank Joseph, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Murray of Stewarttown. The Rev. Chas. Cumming officiated. The bride, who was unattended, wore a street length dress of dusty rose with matching accessories. Her corsage was of sweet peas and violets. After the ceremony the happy couple left on a short motor trip. They will reside near Norval.



RUTH LOWE

who was born in Toronto, educated in Hollywood, toured the big vaudeville houses of the north-western states as a member of Ina Ray Hutton's all girl band. Successful as vocalist and member of a popular piano duo, she performed almost continuously since 1933 before the microphone and has now added another feather to her little green hat. Ruth is author of the new popular song "I'll Never Smile Again," which was introduced over the Canadian network some time ago and which she received its New York debut, with Glenn Miller's orchestra during the honors, last month. Now Canada's best known maestra, Ferry Faith, will reintroduce the song on his programme "Music by Faith" on Wednesday, April 18 at 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. Miss Lowe has just returned from a visit to New York where she personally thanked Glenn Miller for his interest in her song.

250,000 CANADIAN WOMEN REGISTER

Canada's leaders at Ottawa, weighed down by the heavy responsibility of conducting the nation's war effort, will receive a heartening message during the next few days with the arrival at the Dominion capital of the names of 250,000 Canadian women, all of whom have gone on record in support of Canada's participation in the war. This expression of approval is not stated in so many words, but is more eloquently told by their voluntary offer of service in whatever sphere they are most fitted.

From every part of Canada, from fishing villages, through the prairies, from the big cities, the registration forms have been pouring in by the thousands to the national headquarters of the Voluntary Registration of Canadian Women in Toronto, under the direction of Margaret Hyndman, K.C., National Organiser, and Valenta Moore, an expert statistician, who is giving full time service without remuneration. A loyal and competent band of women have been engaged for weeks in sorting and checking the registration forms. Thousands of Toronto stenographers from banks, department stores, insurance and other offices have freely given their Saturday afternoons and evenings to the transcription of the names and classifications from the original forms to neat filing cards. The most modern system so that desired information is quickly available.

While the registration reveals many trained workers and specialists such as registered nurses, nurses in training, ambulance drivers, musicians and textile works, the list of 250,000 includes all classes from 16 to 60 titled women to domestic workers. All are willing to do their part and a countless number, tied by household duties, are in agreement in adding to those duties by taking children from their old country into their homes.

To those who had the opportunity of reading through these forms there came a new appreciation of what it means to be a Canadian. As in every home it is the woman's duty and privilege to share the burdens with their men, so in this time of national trial it is made abundantly evident that the women of Canada will bear their full share in the national burden of war.

What Other Papers Say

WHY UNITED STATES NOT FOR WAR

(Elora Express)

James Truslow Adams, F.R.S., one of the most distinguished American writers, and thinker of British sympathies as well known as himself, has recently tabulated some of the reasons why United States Americans, though known to be 80 per cent in sympathy with the Allies in this and the last war, are also nearly 80 per cent in opposition to any participation in Europe's age old quarrels. In the first place he makes it clear that of the millions of immigrants from the old lands to the States, most of them went to North America to escape from some sort of economic and religious persecution, economic, political or social, in their native countries and having found the freedom of man no chimera in the new land, they have little desire to go back to their native soils.

Yet they are of many races. Over one-third of the population in the United States are foreign born people, or of mixed parentage. But with minority groups larger than those of many European countries, all these peoples live happily together and the ordinary American, especially of this kind cannot see why Europeans do not. They are: Germans, 6,800,000; Italians 4,500,000; British, 4,300,000; Polish, 3,300,000; Canadians, 3,300,000; Scandinavian, 3,100,000; Russian, 2,100,000; Mexican, 1,400,000; Czech, 1,300,000; Austrians, 900,000; Hungarians, 880,000; French, 500,000; 70 other nations, 3,900,000; Negroes, all native born, 12,000,000.

WOULD BE ON THE SPOT

(Hanover Post)

The Ontario Temperance Federation has decided to get flashlight pictures of scenes of intemperance in beverage rooms, the proposal having been made by Rev. Allan Ferry, of Owen Sound. If this plan is carried out, it is going to put some of the boys on the spot after they have pulled the old alibi of working late at the office.

WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN CBC HEALTH TALKS

Overweight is a source of worry to a good many Canadians. And if worry makes people thin, the problem of how to reduce should by this simple plan solve itself.

It is interesting, at any rate, to note that more listeners have written to the CBC Publications Department for copies of Dr. T. C. Routley's talk on the subject of "Overweight," than on any other topic included in his popular series. Requests for copies of this and other talks by Dr. Routley, have come from every part of the Dominion, and indeed there is a widespread interest in health topics, particularly when the information comes from an authoritative and dependable source. The health talks, which are presented by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with the cooperation of the Canadian Medical Association, are featured each Wednesday evening from 7:45 to 8:00. This week Dr. Routley will discuss vitamins and their importance in maintaining normal health.

SISTER OF LOCAL MAN PASSES IN FLORIDA

Mrs. Samuel Moore, wife of Dr. Samuel Moore, Walmer Rd., died suddenly in Florida Monday, March 25th, where she was spending the winter holiday with her husband.

Mrs. Moore was a member of Trinity United Church and was active in the Toveil Auxiliary, the Women's Missionary Society and has supported women workers on foreign fields. She was also active in the women's association. She was particularly interested in the social well-being of the community. For many years she has been a worker in the Annex branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Her only son, Rev. J. B. Moore, is now pastor of a United Church in London, Ontario. Her daughter, Mrs. William Simzelmier, also married a minister, who is preaching in the United States. Mrs. Moore also leaves one sister, Mrs. A. W. Fassell, and one brother, James Black, of Georgetown.

HOME GARDEN AS SOURCE OF FOOD SUPPLY

During the time of national emergency many persons are anxious to do something that will aid in conserving the resources of the country, thus insuring an adequate supply of necessary commodities, said J. F. Ritchie, Horticultural Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in a recent address. The home garden can be made the source of a wholesome, nourishing, inexpensive food supply that will lessen the demands on the regular vegetable-growing and canned vegetable industry of the nation, thus leaving a large surplus available for national purposes, he observed.

The importance of obtaining good, clean seed cannot be overestimated. Cheap, poor seed is a bad investment. Canadian-grown registered seed is now available for many kinds and varieties of vegetables. The best seed can be depended upon to germinate well and produce vigorous, uniform crops. Sow in hotbed in latter part of March or early April, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, egg plant, pepper, and tomato. Sow in the field, mid-April to early May, asparagus (seed sowing), lettuce,

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onion (seed), onion (sets), peas (smooth), spinach, turnip, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower (cold frame started), rhubarb roots planted. Field sown, mid-May: beet, carrot, chard, Kohl rabi, parsnip, peas (wrinkled), potatoes (sprouted), cabbage late for fall and winter. Late May, early June: bean, beet, carrot, corn, cucumber, citron and melon. Plant out egg plant, peppers and tomatoes. Late June, early July; set out late cabbage, cauliflower, and sow rutabagas. Mid-July, August, Chinese cabbage, radish, spinach. It has been found that plants grown throughout the season without a severe check produce much better crops.

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