



On his way to Alaska from Texas on a three-wheeled, one-cylinder scooter, D.A. Gregory,

a minister, seen here, was refused a permit at Edmonton by the R.C.M.P. to travel over the

Alaska highway. His dog and her three pups are passengers.



Heavy toll of wild life taken by wolves is indicated by this picture, depicting three slain

deer in a snow-covered bush near North Bay. This substantiates claim that vicious wolf

packs in the area have caused the death of many such animals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for May 18
Golden Text.—Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live.—Amos 5: 14
The Lesson as a Whole
Amos, though a herdsman of Tekoa in Judah (Amos 1: 1), was sent by God to testify to the northern kingdom when Jeroboam II was reigning in Samaria. At that time Uzziah was king of Judah, so Amos ministered somewhat earlier than Isaiah, who dates his prophetic call in the year that King Uzziah died (Isa. 6: 1). So far as the

record goes, Amos was without any formal education. He was a country boy who earned his living tending cattle and sheep and gathering wild figs (chap. 7: 14). The "sycamore" mentioned was a wild fig tree. To this young man came the call of God, separating him from his ordinary avocation and commissioning him to go forth as a prophet to proclaim the Word of the Lord.

As he saw the corruption and injustice prevailing in the land of Israel, he began to inveigh against it, calling the nation to repentance and declaring that the judgment of

God would soon fall upon Israel unless they turned from their wickedness and turned back to follow the Law of the Lord. This was resented by Amaziah, a priest of the calf set up at Bethel (1 Kings 12: 28, 29), who forbade Amos to prophesy there and commanded him to go back to Judah, where he belonged. But fearlessly Amos withstood him and insisted on his right to speak to him (chap. 7: 10-16). He is an outstanding example of one who, fearing God, feared no man, but delivered his message as the Lord had given it to him, assured that God would take care of the consequences.

Verse by Verse

Amos 5: 6.—"Seek the Lord, and ye shall live." The nation had gone far from God, as manifested by the immorality, the drunkenness, the idolatry, and other flagrant offenses against Law, both divine and human, that characterized the people of Israel. The only way to recovery was to turn again to the Lord and seek His face. In the path of obedience they would find life and blessing.

Verse 7.—"Ye who turn judgment to wormwood." That is, they considered the will of God as something bitter and unpleasant. So they left off righteousness and preferred to walk in their own ways.

Verse 8.—"Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion." The God who created the Pleiades and the various constellations, the omnipotent and omniscient One, alone is worthy of worship and allegiance.

Verse 9.—"That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong." Jehovah is the defender of the weak who trust in Him, enabling them to overcome their mighty foes, who soon find they have "come against the fortress" when they oppose the truth of God.

Verse 10.—"They hate him that rebuketh in the gate." Evil men dislike any who endeavor to expose their corrupt ways, and they "abhor him" who turns the light of truth upon their wickedness.

Verse 11.—"Your trading is upon the poor." Because of their greed for gain there were those who oppressed the needy and sought to profit by exploiting the poor. This is a grave sin, which the Word of God has condemned in all ages.

Verse 12.—"They afflict the just, they take a bribe." When the wicked are in places of authority the righteous suffer. Even those who are supposed to uphold the law accept bribes in order to gain favorable consideration. Such conditions indicate the low condition into which the nation has fallen.

Verse 13.—"The prudent shall keep silence for it is an evil time." Those who are concerned for their own safety and security dare not speak out when the wicked are in authority, lest they jeopardize

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Ross Curry of Haliburton has fashioned an ingenious wood-sawing machine, that eliminates the work of many hands.

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SNOW REMOVAL COSTS COUNTY OVER \$24,000

Word from Haliburton says cost of snow removal from the County roads amounted to over \$24,000 last winter, according to Warden Richard Butler.

He says the County maintains about 220 miles of roads and the cost of snowplowing would be nearly \$110. per mile.

their lives and possessions.

Verse 14.—"Seek good, and not evil." It is never right to compromise with iniquity. The Lord of hosts, who knows the innermost thoughts of the heart, will be with those who follow after righteousness and refrain from all that is contrary to goodness and decency.

Verse 15.—"Hate the evil, and love the good..... it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious." Judgment had been pronounced already against the northern kingdom (of which Ephraim and Manasseh, the descendants of Joseph, were the leading tribes), but if repentance were evident God might yet defer the execution of that which He was about to pour upon the people because of their sins.

Verse 21.—"I despise your feast days." Religious formalities are revolting to God when not accompanied by righteousness of life and true self-judgment.

Verse 22.—"Though ye offer me burnt-offerings and your meat-offerings, I will not accept them." Samuel declared long before, that obedience is better than sacrifice. The outward forms and ceremonies of religion mean nothing to God if the heart is not right with Him.

Verse 23.—"I will not hear the melody of thy viols." Beautiful anthems and well-played instruments bring no joy to God when wickedness goes on unrebuked and unrepented of.

Verse 24.—"Let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." It is this that pleases God: when those who call themselves by His name carry out the principles of justice, and practice righteousness.

The Heart of the Lesson

It is a great mistake to suppose that God finds pleasure in religious rites and ordinances, when those who thus profess to draw near to Him are guilty of unrighteousness in their attitude toward their fellow men, and are simply using the forms of piety to cover up their hypocritical behavior. He demands truth in the inward parts. His Word obeyed would solve all the problems from which society is suffering today. When that Word is ignored, or flagrantly cast to one side, disaster must inevitably follow.

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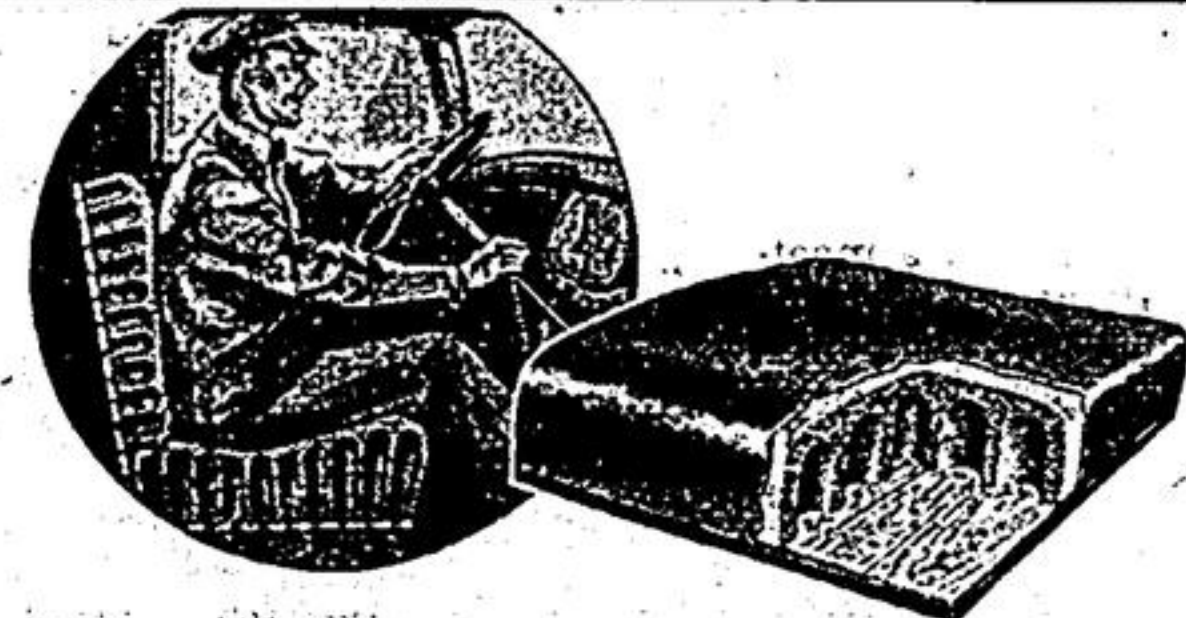
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