

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Julius Cook

Assisting: Louden Herrera
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Cam Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Cam Christian

Pantry Item

Canned Peaches

Sermon Notes
Dealing With Emotions

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

IV. _____

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Service Times

Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

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The
Cape Fear Crier

“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Amos Reproves Israel

By Roy J. Hearn

Amos was a humble, unassuming man. He made no pretensions to being teacher or prophet: *“I was no prophet; neither was I a prophet’s son”* (Amos 7:14). He was a righteous, God-fearing man, studied God’s will, loved truth, hated iniquity. Paul said: *“Woe unto me, if I preach not the gospel.”* Amos felt the same: *“The Lord hath spoken, who can but prophesy”* (Amos 3:8)? He accepted Jehovah’s commission to rebuke the sins of Israel and other idolatrous nations.

Jeroboam the First, sacrificed the true worship of Jehovah for political reasons. He feared the people would forsake him if they continued worshipping at Jerusalem; therefore, he placed a golden calf at Bethel, another at Dan, saying: *“It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt”* (I Kings 12:26-33). Corruption increased. No succeeding king of Israel made things any better. Jeroboam II, during whose reign Amos prophesied, was as bad as his predecessors. Amos was sent from Tekoa in Judah to cry against the sins of Israel and turn them to God.

ISRAEL’S SINS

Israel’s sins are many: *“I know how manifold are thy transgressions, and how mighty your sins.”* Jehovah searches the heart. He can know our every thought (I Sam. 16:7; Rom. 8:27). We must needs be pure within (Matt. 5:8). Amos named some specific sins of Israel.

1. They corrupted true worship — turned to idols (5:5). At Bethel was a golden calf. Various idols were worshipped at Gilgal and Beersheba. Some passed by Jerusalem, the true place of worship and sacrifice, to Beersheba, long time rendezvous of idols. How often now do God’s people pass up the worship of Jehovah and pass on to the temple of idols of worldly ambition and pleasure (James 4:4; I John 2:15-17)?

2. They hated those who reproved them (5:10). They persecuted God’s preachers and faithful people. Israel was wholly determined to do evil, and could not stand reproof. Amaziah, priest of Bethel, accused Amos of conspiring against the king and that the land was not able to bear his words (7:10). Amos was invited to leave the country, “*Go back to Judah; prophecy no more at Bethel.*” Israel had not only grown so corrupt that they hated one who rebuked them, but were so full of wickedness they abhorred a righteous man.

Micaiah always spoke the word of Jehovah instead of seeking to please the people. Ahab said: “*But I hate him; for he doeth not prophecy good concerning me, but evil*” (I Kings 22:8). Micaiah could not do otherwise. Stephen was stoned to death because he condemned the wickedness of the Jews (Acts 7). Christ was hated for preaching against sin and error (John 8:30- 44). Paul queried: “*Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth*” (Gal. 4:16)? Ahab asked Elijah: “*Art thou he that troubleth Israel*” (I Kings 18:17)? The demons said to Christ: “*Let us alone*” (Mark 1:24).

Such attitudes are not too rare among church members today. Too many are frequenting the halls of Gilgal and Beersheba. Too often do they spew venom at godly preachers and elders who seek to turn them to righteousness. Too many preachers have suffered unjustly the ruination of their reputations by ungodly church members who were determined to pursue evil as Israel did. How often do denominationalists reject the saving Gospel, telling us to keep it to ourselves? “*Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish*” (Prov. 12:1). “*Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee*” (Prov. 9:8).

3. Israel oppressed the poor, perverted justice (5:11-13). Their judgments became bitter and nauseating before God. The poor were helpless. Only the rich, by bribery, could get a favorable decision. No matter how clear his case and his innocence, the poor was trampled upon; he had not wherewith to bribe the judge, and court decisions were for sale. Great burdens were placed upon the poor; unjust amounts were exacted from them in rent and taxes. In this, Israel violated the law forbidding bribes and injustice against the poor (Exodus 23:6-8; Deut. 16:18-20).

God loves the poor. He blesses those who help the poor (Prov. 28:27; Matt. 19:21). Christ teaches to work to that end (Acts 20:35). Early Christians were very liberal toward needy brethren (Acts 4:34-35). One will not go to heaven merely because he is poor, he must be righteous. The poor have made some rich.

Sometimes prudence may be promoted by selfishness. Some keep silent to their own profit even though others are being defrauded and their souls destroyed by false teachers. One should be prudent, but not exercise it to his own profit to the hurt of the Cause of Christ. Even in the face of persecution and loss of property or life, the servant of God must stand immovable for right. Jonah could not escape his duty, neither can we.

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 10/04 B.C.: 32 Daily Bible Readers: 11
Chapters Read: 388 Worship: 60 Wednesday: 28

Family News and Notes

Margaret Mosley is now at home. Jennifer’s coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles; she is facing surgery for cancer. **Pam Horton**, Jason and Tory Lawrence’ neighbor, lost her husband recently. We were so glad she visited us with Tory. **Nikki Inman** needs prayer concerning her liver. **Namika Harley** has some circulation problems. **Gloria Frye’s** daughter, **Kathy Taylor**, is enduring extreme pain with multiple health issues. **Joseph Brown**, Cookie’s brother, has had seizures. **Barbara Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** mother, is struggling with her health. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **John McDougale, Geraldine Harrington’s** uncle, is not doing well. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers, and the family is experiencing significant stress. **Rick and Robin Caldwell** need our prayers. Also remember: **Linda Boston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry Hatcher, Phil & Kathie Byrd, Margaret Mosley, Irene Frydler, Linda Hernandez, Ellen Brantley**, and the **Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17
P 1333-36	P 1336-39	P 1339-44	P 1344-47	P 1347-51	P 1351-54	P 1354-58

Events

S. Lumberton Gospel Meeting: Oct. 18-21. Weeknights at 7pm

Silver Linings: Friday Oct 23 @ 11am. Bring your lunch

Loris Lecturship: October 24 from 9 - 2. Lunch provided.

