

The Sunday School

BIBLE LESSON.

Abridged from Peloubet's Notes.

Second Quarter.

SINFUL INDULGENCE.

Lesson XI. Sept. 11.—Amos 6:1-8.

Commit Verses 3-6.

The Quarterly Temperance Lesson.

GOLDEN TEXT.

They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way, Isa. 28:7.

EXPLANATORY.

THE PROPHET AMOS.—His Name. Amos means "burden or burdensome," agreeing with his heavy message of coming calamity, called often "a burden" because it burdened and weighed down the soul of the prophet, who was thus compelled to speak.

His Home. Amos belonged in Tekoa (1:1), the modern Tekoa, a village six miles south of Bethlehem.

His business. Amos says of himself, "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son, but I was an herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees." He was what we would call a farmer.

Like the apostles, he was an unlettered man, untaught in the schools (7:14); but like them, he had that best culture and training which comes from living close to God, and filling the mind with divine thoughts and feelings.

His Call. How he learned that he was to speak God's Word we do not know. "While he was musing the fire burned." By some divine vision he saw the future; by some divine impulse he was impelled to speak God's Word. He spoke because he must.

The Scene of His Labors was Bethel, in the northern kingdom, twenty-five miles from home in Tekoa. Here was the focus of good and evil in that kingdom. Here was a school of the prophets (2 Kings 2:3). Here was one of the royal palaces, (Amos 7:13).

His Book. This is the beginning of written prophecy. "Recognizing that they could reach only a limited number by their voice, and desiring to give a permanence to their work, the prophets began regularly to commit their sermons to writing. This in itself represents a most significant transition." "From this time on, writing became common among the Hebrews. Prophetic teaching, as a result, took more definite form."

One example of Amos' denunciation of sins is given in the verses selected for today.

1. AT RASE IN ZION. "Those whose prosperity has made them insensible to danger." Like Jonah in the storm, they are asleep and dreaming beautiful dreams, unconscious of their danger. Jerusalem, the capital of Judah. SAMARIA. The capital of Israel. CHIEF OF THE NATIONS. Israel and Judah.

2. PASS YE, over the Euphrates, UNTO CALNEH. A large city. HAMATH. A city of Syria, on the Grottes, north of Lebanon. GATH. A Philistine city on the southwest. BE THEY BETTER than you? God has greatly favored your nation, yet how you have requited God's goodness.

3. YE THAT PUT FAR AWAY, in your thoughts and expectations, THE EVIL DAY, and act as if you did not believe God's Word.

4. BEDS OF IVORY, etc. Expressing luxury and selfishness.

5. DRINK WINE IN BOWLS. Because they were larger than the vessels ordinarily used in drinking. NOT GRIEVED. As long as they had their luxuries, they had no patriotism, no care for country, or for the poor.

6. GO CAPTIVE WITH THE FIRST. Since all lesser troubles had failed to lead them to repentance, there was nothing left but captivity, which was hastening on apace. Within about thirty years this was fulfilled.

7. WILL I, the Lord God, DELIVER UP. The Assyrians could have done no evil unless God had permitted it. Had the people been brave, moral, united, full of religious zeal, Assyria could not have conquered them; and God's providence would have watched over them.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. God tries many ways to keep back people from going on to their own ruin.
2. The true preacher must at times speak out the truths of doom; but we must speak facts, not caricatures.
3. Teachers should note the wise and skillful methods by which Amos set forth and enforced his truths.
4. Wealth badly gained or badly used always contains within it the doom of its possessors.
5. "Fools make a mock at sin," and only fools. Wise men do not play with matches in a powder-mill. Wise men do

not hold a merry-making while their house is blazing. Wise men do not sleep undisturbed amid deadly foes. Wise men do not neglect and thus increase a dangerous disease.

6. The decay of a nation always begins with its morals. The heart may be a bed of fire, while outwardly there is wealth and prosperity.

7. The temperance application is plain. Temperance means self-denial, self-control in the presence of temptations. No one is good without self-denial in something, self-control in all things. Yielding to luxury and appetite, at the expense of the higher things, always means decay and ruin.

Men can ill-treat their bodies, and disregard the laws of health up to a certain point, and yet recovery be possible. But there is a point to go beyond which is incurable disease and death. No medicine, no nursing, can then save. So with strong drink, there is a time while the habit is forming, when it is possible, however difficult, to leave off. But if the drinking goes on, the habit is so confirmed, the disease of the body is so inwrought, the will so weak, that the drunkard may pray and strive with bitter tears for release, and yet go straight to his cups again.

What your Saviour wants.

Is there nothing that Christ, as your Friend, your Lord, your Saviour, wants you to do that you are leaving undone to-day? Do you doubt one instant with his high and deep love for your soul, that he wants you to pray? And do you pray?

Do you doubt one instant that it is His will that you should honor and help and bless all the men about you who are his brethren? Are you doing anything like that?

Do you doubt one instant that his will is that you should make life serious and lofty? Do you doubt one instant that He wants you to be pure in deed and word and thought? And are you pure?

Do you doubt one instant that his command is for you openly to own Him and declare that you are his servant before all the world? And have you done it?

These are the questions which make the whole matter clear. No, not in quiet lanes, nor in bright temple courts as once He spake, and not from blazing heavens, as men sometimes seem to expect, not so does Christ speak to us.

And yet He speaks! I know what He—there in all his glory—He here in my heart—wants me to do to day, and I know that I am not mistaken in my knowledge. It is no guess of mine. It is his voice that tells me.—Phillips Brooks.

The Gardener as Critic.

It seems to have been Tennyson's lot to hear many stories about himself. Father Haythornthwaite once related to the poet the substance of a literary conversation he had enjoyed with an old gardener. The subject of poetic genius was evidently opened by the gardener, who was busy with his spade at the time, and began with this rather fundamental question:

"That Shakespeare's a great poet, ain't he?"

"Yes."

"And this Tennyson's a great poet, ain't he?"

"Yes."

"Then," driving his spade into the ground with emphasis, "I don't think nothink o' neither of 'em!"—Exchange.

Miss Wellwood: "Yes, I belong to the Daughters of the Revolution, and pride myself upon being the most distinguished member of the society."

Mr. Hargreaves: "Indeed! I suppose you trace your lineage back to some man who was a lion in his day, eh?"

Miss Wellwood: "No, my great-great-grandfather was only a private, but from all that I can learn he seems to have been the only one in the whole army."—Cleveland Leader.

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