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Lesson for April 27

AMOS AND HOSEA PLEADING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
(Temperance Lesson.)

LESSON TEXT—Amos 6:1-6; Hosea 6:1-6.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Hate the evil, and love the good."—Amos 5:15.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How Daniel Became Strong.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Amos Denounces Drunken Revelers.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Sins Denounced by Amos and Hosea.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Sins That Destroyed Israel.

The kingdom of Israel reached a high state of prosperity in the time of Jeroboam II, and with it came a condition of luxury, corruption and wickedness. Our lesson is a temperance lesson and applies to other things as well as indulgence in intoxicating liquor. Our age and nation are intoxicated with pleasure, pursuit of gain and selfish ambition.

I. The Sins Which Ruined Israel (Amos 6:1-6).

1. Reckless Security (vv. 1-3). They were blind to the evils that surrounded them. They were living in a fool's paradise, closing their eyes to the approaching storm of judgment as predicted by Amos. They trusted in the mountains of Samaria for their protection. They regarded their city as impregnable. They no doubt regarded the utterances of Amos as the dreams of a fanatic. The chief ones of the nation were so puffed up with pride that they failed to read the signs of the times in the light of history (v. 2). To disregard the lessons of history by dismissing the thought of impending judgment is to bring near the seat of violence" (v. 3).

2. Luxury (vv. 4-6). Periods of prosperity are always characterized by corruption and luxury. The luxury of Samaria expressed itself in

(1) Extravagant Furniture (v. 4). They had beds of ivory, perhaps wood inlaid with ivory.

(2) Laziness (v. 4). They stretched themselves upon their couches—living lives of indolence.

(3) Feasted on delicacies (v. 4). The implication here is that they had their dainties out of season. This is what many pride themselves in. They buy what they desire regardless of what it costs. In many instances men and women are living in gluttony while others are destitute.

(4) Adorned their feasts with music (v. 5). They sang idle songs, even invented musical instruments for this purpose. They prostituted the noble art of music to their sensual feasts. How like the times in which we live.

(5) They drank wine (v. 6). They were not content with ordinary drinking vessels. They drank from bowls, indicating excessive drinking. They were so mastered by the intoxicating cup that their feasts, which were adorned with the refinements of music, ended in drunkenness.

3. Failure to Grieve for Joseph (v. 6). Joseph here stands for Ephraim and Manasseh, his two sons. Ephraim became the principal tribe of the northern kingdom, so Joseph is used as a synonym for the nation. Many are indulging in infamous luxury, entirely indifferent to the groanings of others. There is need of a modern Amos to thunder God's judgment upon all those who are living in luxury and who are at ease in Zion—the inevitable issue of such living, the prophet assures them, would be that they should go into captivity (v. 7) and their proud city be delivered up to their enemies (v. 8).

II. The Remedy Proposed (Hosea 6:1-6).

1. Turn Back to God (v. 1). The only way for sinning individuals and nations to escape the judgment of God is with heartbreaking sorrow to repent and return to God. Hosea assures them that though God had torn and smitten them He will heal and bind up if they repent.

2. Believe in His Power to Restore (v. 2). This power even extends to a national resurrection for Israel.

3. Obedience (v. 3). It is through the obedient walk and communication with the Lord that they were to know His forgiving mercy.

4. The Issue (vv. 3-6). Such penitence would make restoration absolutely certain. Grace is even more certain than the laws of nature. Just as showers result in fruitfulness in nature, conformity with the righteous commands of the Lord will result in blessings from Him, for His Supreme desire is not for man to bring offerings of sacrifice, but to walk in the knowledge of God.

The Bondage of Fear

Like the cellar-growing vine is the Christian who lives in the darkness and bondage of fear. But let him go forth, with the liberty of God, into the light of love, and he will be like the plant in the field, healthy, robust, and joyful.—W. H. Becher.

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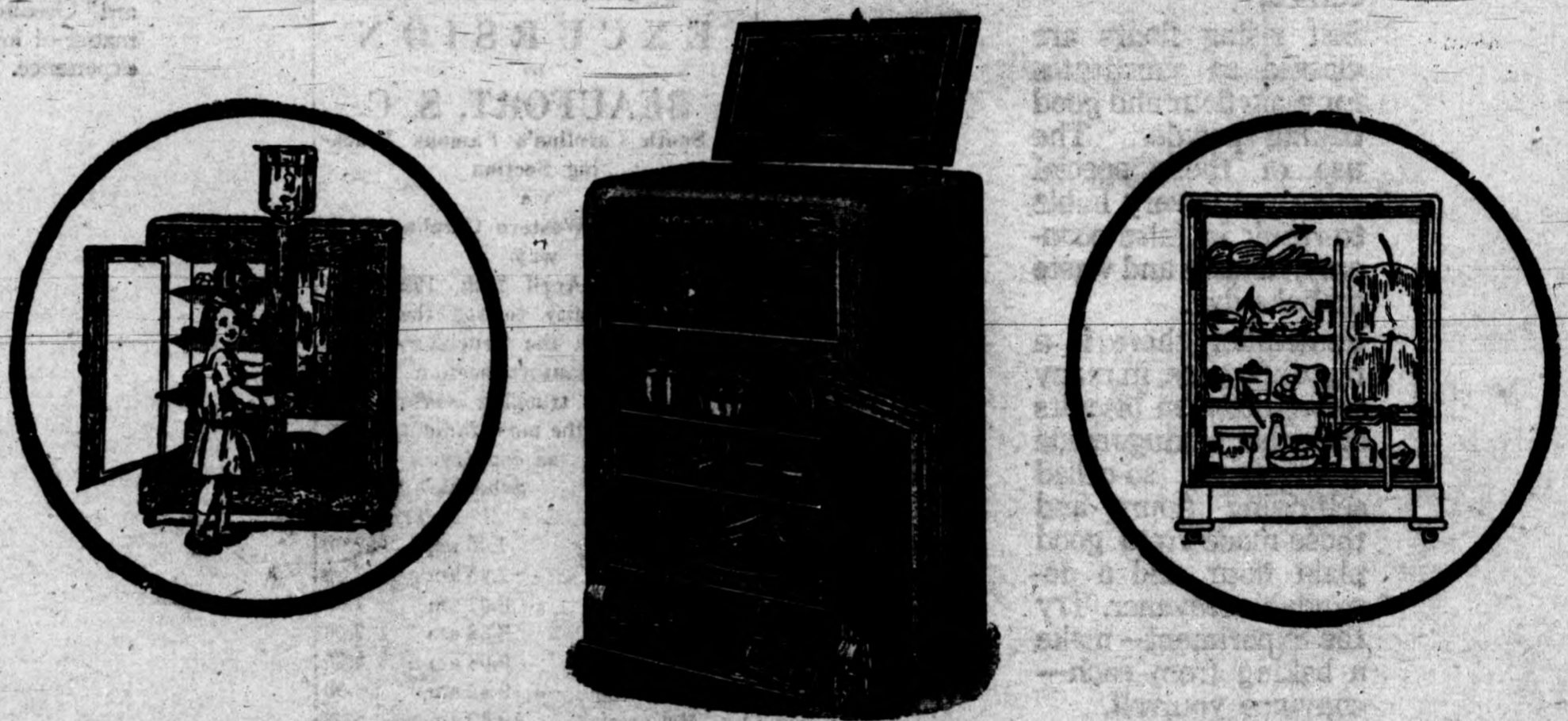
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