

The Holy Bible - A Remarkable Book

This week we learn of warnings from God's Prophets Amos and Hosea.

***'Come, and let us return unto the LORD:
for He hath torn, and He will heal us.'***
Hosea 6v1.

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	2 Kings 17v1-18 (God's anger at Israel's idol worship)	
Monday	Hosea 4v1-4, 6v1-6 (God calls Israel to return to Him)	
Tuesday	Hosea 13v1-11 (I AM the only God and Saviour)	
Wednesday	Amos 5v1-15 (Hate evil, love God, that you may live)	
Thursday	Amos 7 (They said Amos, "Go away.")	
Friday	Amos 8 (The Lord knew all their sins)	
Saturday	Psalms 14 (It is foolish to say 'There is no God')	

Important Lesson for us Today: The importance of a lighthouse for safety at sea.

Lighthouses are positioned along the coast, or on a rock out at sea, to warn ships of dangerous rocks or sandbanks lurking beneath the surface. Lighthouses also sound a warning when it is foggy. The sailors are very thankful for the warning of the unseen danger that these waters threaten and so steer clear of the area in order to avoid shipwreck and loss of life. The uniqueness of the Bible is to warn us of the many dangers that could wreck our lives. We should take note of God's clear warnings of these dangers to our eternal souls. **Take note of the warnings given in today's lesson.**

Hymn 332 - Encouraging us to find the way to God, as clearly taught in The Bible.

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| 1. Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
Our path when wont to stray;
Streams from the fount of heavenly grace,
Brook by the traveller's way. | 2. Bread of our souls, whereon we feed,
True manna from on high;
Our guide and chart, wherein we read
Of realms beyond the sky. |
| 4. Word of the ever-living God,
Will of His glorious Son;
Without Thee how could earth be trod?
Or Heaven itself be won. | 5. Lord, grant us all aright to learn
The wisdom it imparts;
And to its heavenly teaching turn
With simple, childlike hearts. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Word of Warning.

God gave many warnings to the Israelites. The Prophets Amos and Hosea were used by God to speak to the 10 Tribes in the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

○ **God Gives The Same Warnings To Us Today: -**

1. The Enjoyment of Prosperity - No worship of, or sincere regard for, the Lord.

God sent Amos His prophet, a farmer, to warn Israel that by His judgement they would be taken away as captives if they did not turn from their brazen idolatry.

Robbery, murder, injustice, stealing, adultery, and swearing were rife. **Hosea 4v1-2**

Without Christ as our Saviour, we remain captive to Satan and our sin. Seek Christ now.

2. The Neglect of God's Laws regarding Compassion for the Poor. Deuteronomy 24v19

The rich imposed high rents on the poor, wheat was heavily taxed, the weights for measuring were altered to weigh unfairly. There was much injustice. **Amos 8**

We may have a strong sense of justice, but do we ignore God's Holy Law and Justice?

3. Ingratitude to God. Their Hearts were far from God. Their worship insincere.

The rich took all God's blessings for granted and gave Him no thanks.

They put on an outward show of worship, but their hearts were far from God.

We must ask ourselves, "How sincere are we when we come to worship God?"

4. Flirtation With Other gods, idols. Read Hosea 4v3-5.

They turned aside to worship the heathen gods of the surrounding nations.

Beware of following those who foolishly say, 'There is no God'. Psalm 14v1

5. Persecution of the LORD's Messengers. Matthew 23v37.

The unbelieving priests of Israel said to Amos, 'Go away'. **Amos 7v10-13.**

Are we guilty of saying to the Lord in our heart, "Go away, I do not want Your warning."

○ **Disaster!** The holy God allowed the King of Assyria to carry them into captivity.

○ **God's Tender Attitude.** He delays judgement. Hosea is sent to warn them.

Like a father to a son. God had provided all their needs and cared for their souls.

Like a husband to a wife. Even to an unfaithful wife who repented and returned.

"Behold, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6v2.

○ **The Lighthouse of God's Word - shining many clear warnings to us.**

From Genesis to Revelation the Bible is full of God's gracious warnings.

The Lord told many parables which warned of Hell for the unrepentant sinner.

The Lord Jesus wept over Jerusalem as He saw them repeating the same sin of unbelief as the Israelites did in Amos' and Hosea's day. **See Luke 19v41-42.**

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Isaiah 1v18.