

The Lord's Desire

by Ron Thomas

The Lord's prophet, Amos, was a man chosen for a task that was very much a burden to the people. It was to Amos that He spoke the words to Israel (the northern kingdom with its capital in Samaria), "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!" (4:12). Though the Lord addressed His words to Israel in particular, it is worth notice that the Lord's pending judgment was toward those outside of covenant relationship.

The Lord identified seven nations that had judgment against them. Not only did He identify these nations, but He also described the problem. Syria was merciless with its army of destruction. The Philistines were the same. Tyre failed to honor its treaty with others. Edom was plagued because of jealous rage. Ammon killed innocent children (a form of abortion). Moab exhibited desecrating destruction. Judah failed to hear and obey the Lord, and Israel was guilty of slavery, greed, and perversion. The importance of noticing this is that the Lord responded to evil wherever it may have exhibited itself, not simply to those within covenant relationship.

Our country is not in covenant relationship with the Lord; when people speak about this country being a "Christian nation," what is in view, historically, is the moral foundation put in place that was to guide us. It is clear that the moral foundation put in place has disintegrated. How can we change the direction that our community is traveling? A hard thing to do to be sure, but there are some things that can be done. First, be devoted to the Lord and His way of righteousness. Second, be sure to be a positive influence on those who do not know the Lord's way. Third, never let your personal politics trump the Lord's way of righteousness. Fourth, continue to pray for our leaders and our country. These are things that can be done, but in all things the Lord's desire will be done!



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
Philippians 3:20*

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On this day in 1095 Pope Urban II issued a decree calling Christians to arms in the fight against Muslims in Judea.



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## **Today's Sermon: *And the Last Place Goes to...***

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**Scripture:** Luke 13:23-30

**Hymns:** TBA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Next potluck: December 18<sup>th</sup>. Ideas for a theme welcome!
- Ladies Class: **10:30am, Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** at Darlene Elsbree's. We are using Human and Holy by Michelle Goff. We are preparing chapter 11 for Tuesday.
- Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Thursday nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!



- Two couples from the Kittanning church will be traveling up here the first weekend in December for the purpose of preparing and serving a Thanksgiving meal to as many of us as can come on that Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are expecting more than 20 of us to share the meal. 
  - Ladies Bible class will be held at Darlene Elsbree's on Tuesday. We will meet at 10:30 this time and bring something to contribute to lunch.
  - Sandy and Arthur will be heading up toward Hamburg, NY after services today to see Aurora Firth and her brother Silas Firth from the church in Anchor Point, AK. The two of them are competing in the International Ice Carving Competition at the Festival of Lights there.
  - Help yourself to pumpkin pie in the kitchen!
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- Thank you to all those who have been so eager to help with picking people up for worship and taking people home.



Happy Birthday, Arthur! Tuesday, 11/29

## PRAYERS...

- Remember to pray for Lori Kashorek, from the Plattsburgh, NY church, who has lung cancer. Pray that a new drug that is being tested will be the cure she needs. We are thankful that her cancer has shrunk.
- "Rocky" Perry of Sayre asked for prayers for struggles he is trying to overcome in his life, and pray that his Bible study will lead him to the Truth.
- Darlene Elsbree has been having trouble with her vocal chords. On Thursday she will undergo an endoscopy and implantation of a chip in her esophagus to record how it responds to food that she eats for 48 hours. Pray that she can find some answers for her distress.
- Remember to pray for Matthew Lowe.
- Pray for Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, who has been diagnosed with throat cancer.
- Keep praying for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock and their search for a preacher. One man has recently shown an interest in the position.
- Continue to pray for Ken Wilkins, of Gray, TN.
- Pray for Edna Jarrett, of the Bronx, who has cancer of the linings of her blood vessels.
- Doug Elsbree had a CAT scan on his heart to monitor the aneurism there. He doesn't know the result of the scan yet.
- Lord, we pray for immediate help for the starving people of north eastern Nigeria.
- Pray for comfort for those from war-torn countries who have no homes and are not safe and have lost friends and relatives in the violence that surrounds them.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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