

PIOUS FRAUDS IN OUR CHURCHES

Intro. Nothing worse than fraudulent anything esp relig
 -sham, fake. Remember Laodecia. Not new, as old as Gen 3.
 But particular burden of prophets, and want to turn to
 one of these old but contemporary denunciations of
 fraudulent piety. c. 760 B.C. Generatn before Assy capt.
 Times good, 2 Kg 14:25. God's viewpoint-times bad bec fra

I. FRAUD OF NORMALCY, 5:10-15. *Insensitivity, 6:5*

A. The Condition, 10 to 12.

1. Some still trying to give justice. ¹⁰ Gate, Ruth 4:10
2. Some living normally, 11. Fine houses, lush crops.
3. But many hating justice, 10; being oppressed, 11;
 buying or bribing way to happiness while poor
 doesn't get his due, 12.

B. The ~~consequences~~ ^{curse} of Normalcy, 13. Dumb silence of wise
 Know it won't do much good and may get into trouble
 so keep still. Amos got into trouble with king and
 church, 7:10. X got in trouble with both. Insensitivity
 to wrongs and inactivity to righting is curse.C. The Cure, 14-15. Activity, 14-15. Attitude, 15.
 Both lacking today. People don't hate and afraid to
 rock the boat by speaking out.

D. Consequence, 16-17. Amateurs and pros wailing bec judgment

II. The FRAUD OF PROPHECY, 5:18-20. *Selecting*A. Stated, 18. Desire day of Lord. Only took part of
 truth like Joel 2:28-9, 32. Pious platitude brot out
 at right time in conversation. Won't it be nice when
 Lord comes. Said with sigh too! Lk 14:15.B. Corrected, 19-20. For unfaithful ones coming like
 running from lion and seeing bear or snake in house.
 Whole story is that coming brings judgment as well as
 blessing. And that knowledge of future ought to affect
 present. Get right now.

III. FRAUD OF ACTIVITY, 5:21-23.

A. The Picture, 21-23. Still observing feast days, lit.
 pilgrimages when went to sanctuary, unleavened bread,
 weeks, booths. Ex 23:14, 17; 34:23; Deut 16:16.

Assemblies, any rel gathering esp last days of above feast
 Burnt, meal, peace off. All going on with choirs, 23 & orches.

B. The Problem, 21. God hates, rejects and takes no delight
 in-not small, Lev 26:31. No heart rtness and outward just, 23C. The Prognosis, 27-judgment.
 Concl. Genuiness is on God's terms and acc to His word, 3:3.
 Happiness flows from this.

νηφάδιον - altar at which wineless offerings
made, or cake without wine. Self-restraint as practiced
by athletes. lit. + undegenerated

3:3 not given to wine $\pi\alpha\rho\sigma\omega\upsilon\upsilon$. alongside wine

i.e. at parties where drunkenness erupts.

3:11 $\nu\eta\phi\alpha\delta\iota\omicron\upsilon\varsigma$.

3:8 not addicted = not giving consent to much wine.

Tim. 1:7 - $\pi\alpha\rho\sigma\omega\upsilon\upsilon$. = I 3:3
pay us attention to

1 Tim 5:23 -

Lk 1:15 $\sigma\tau\epsilon\rho\gamma\epsilon$ - strong drink. very hard. NT

divides up 7 weeks Jan 2(?) + Mar 15:73

Rom 14:21

40 days of fermentation - sealed - rich
- boiled - no alcohol - reduce to $\frac{1}{3}$

Water 3-5 parts added.

Modern wine 10% alcohol

If 1 to 1 = strong drink & unmixed.

Let trials differ (x Roman) 3 water to 1 wine.

3 oz whiskey = .06% alcohol in blood affects brain
.40 - unconscious

Grain used in 100 in 1 yr would feed 20,000,000 for 1 yr.

1 of 14 in human electricity .84.3 kcal in 1 yr. Roman sword and

27000 extra deaths "under influence" = ~~27~~ 27.

2 bottles beer = 5 kg wine = 1 unit. = .03

2.10 p. 1 out of 12 who drink will be alcoholic 73 other problem drinkers

circulation of blood 4th leading cause of death of each 1000

Sem *without being spiritual*
HOW TO BE A PIOUS FRAUD IN SEMINARY

Intro. From man's view days of Jereboam good. 2 Kg 14:25-
Hamath 100 N of Gal bet Aleppo and Dam. Arabah=Dead Sea
maybe Aquaba. 805 Dam crushed by Assy so Syria no threat.
Assy lost momentum till Tiglath-pileser III 745. Amos 760.
Luxury ,4:1;6:6. Go'd view:2:6-7;4:4. Shepherd from Tekoa
in Judah tho ministered in N. Sneaky-started with Syria,
Gaza, Phoenicia, Edom, Ammon, Moab: ^{v. 4:6} Is just as bad.
Pious frauds. Nothing worse. Rev. 3:17-18.

I. Fraud of Conformity, 10-15 *Insens. Titiv. 6:5*

A. Conditions. 10-12

1. Some honest judges and true witnesses, ¹⁰but abhorred
2. Luxurious living by defrauding poor, ¹¹Rent+exaction
(compulsory gifts). No justice for poor, ¹².

B. Curse of conformity. Silence, ¹³. No use, what good will
protest do? Or Gone so far that God withdrawn mercy, s
silence will justly condemn,

C. Commission of leader, 14-15. "Messenger of God cannot
be prudent. He must speak out." 7:10-17. Rom 1:32
Activity, ¹⁴; attitude, ¹⁵. Eph 5:11. *Price being furnished by*
If don't speak up, we'll all be wailing bec of judgmt *Drinking down 7v*
which will come, 16-17. Seminary time to sharpen sensit-
ivity of evil. v15 perhaps, no promise of escape.

II. Fraud of Prophecy, 18-20 *Selectivity*

Took only part of truth of day of Lord like Joel 2:28-9, 32
(written about 830) and not all. Like Lk 14:15. But also
judgmt 19-20. Knowledge of future ought to affect present.
Know. of how to communicate ought to heighten desire to
have best to communicate. Know of languages not to prove
pet theme but more accurately herald God's message. To be
fraud in Sem. get wrapped up in 1 aspect of truth and no one
will ever discover your lack in other areas. Acts 20:27.
Can even get wrapped up in questioning. *Pier's text 26:5:10*

III. Fraud of Activity, 21-24

A. What they were doing. Feasts=festivals=pilgrimages to
shrines. Deut 16:16, went to sanctuary feasts of unleav-
bread, weeks, booths. Assemblies=any rel gathering, esp
final days of festivals. Burnt, meal, peace. Acts of ded,
to remember God, to focus on fellowship. Non-atoning so
works of supererogation! Sing! v24 preennial stream, never
drying up.

How to be a pious fraud: keep silent, ride a doctrinal
or curriculum hobby-horse ^{to cover up insensibility to sin} (appear ^{to know} very intellectual), be
very active. ^{to cover up lack of love} How to be pious: Discern good and evil,
^{to make sure of evangelizing} expert in whole counsel of God, be active from heart that
loves God.