

HOW TO SURVIVE PCB WITHOUT BECOMING
SPIRITUAL *But at same time including every body think you are spiritual*
OR, HOW TO BE A PIOUS FRAUD AT PCB, OR
HOW TO GRADUATE AND STILL BE A SPIRITUAL
MIDGET *the everybody think you're a spiritual giant.*

Reign of Jereboam in Israel longest (41) and politically strongest and most prosperous. 793-753. Boundaries nearly as extensive as in Sol's day 200 yrs before. Dead Sea to 150 mi. N. Galilee to Damascus. Socially, luxurious living for upper classes, 4:1;6:6. Morally, idolatrous and corrupt.

Amos from Tekoa, 10 mi. S Jerus. Master shepherd, man of letters, called of God tho not prof prophet. To virtually foreign land of Is. Clever, sneaky. Started with denunciation of Damascus, then Phoenicia, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, then Is. Let 'em have it, Amos. You tell 'em, Amos.

- I. In morals, be unconcerned, Amos 5:10-15
 - A. Their sins-- Hate justice, 10; Mistreat poor, 11; Built large houses, 11; Lush vineyards, 11; accepted bribes, 12.
 - B. Their wrong reaction, 13. Keep quiet.
 - C. The right reaction, 14-15. Start in heart to hate evil. Don't do it to preserve USA--"perhaps"
 - v. 15. Build own standards. Easier to be against abortion than adultery among Xns. Easier to join MADD than stop social drinking. Easier to be ag. ponography than to refuse to watch TV shows that are pon. Easier to keep silent than to ask someone not to swear. Easier to laugh, snicker at something off color which titillates you. Silence vs. stand against.

- II. In doctrine, be unbalanced, 5:18-20

They tho Day of Lord was to punish nations and exalt Is. Didn't face fact that it also would judge Is. Saw only part about light, not darkness, 20. Doctrinally insane. Bel lordship? Then bear lots of fruit so know saved. Bel grace? Don't presume and sin lots and confess. Bel. *Tompress*
Calvinism? Don't neglect your resp. PCB student. Amil?

Are you looking for Lord's return
and judgment.

III. In performance, be unsurpassed, 5:21-23

A. Their performance: do all that law
required. Festivals=pilgrimages for unleavened bread,
weeks, tabernacles (like required chapels).
Assemblies=any rel gatherings. Burnt, grain, peace
offerings. Songs, 23.

B. God's perspective. Reject, 21, do not delight, 21,
unacceptable, 22, remove them, Vbs in
23-24 sing. Pl in 21-22. Need to perform, but out of love
for Lord. Takes more love to do
things you have to do! Obey, do, for self-promotion and
graduate a midget. Obey, do,
falling in love more and more with Christ and be a
spiritual giant.

Concl. Be chairman of committee for justice, rtness, love. 4 yrs
here. 5 yrs at Corinth and P
expected them to be spiritual. Don't keep silent as a coverup so
won't have to stand against sin.
Don't ride a doctrinal hobby horse so people will think you are
so intelligent and spiritual.
Don't perform to please others or promote self, but to show
love for Lord.