

improvement, we must see the futility of that which tries to establish a kingdom without the king or to set up a society which is but materially good but rests on a foundation of moral wrong and forgetfulness of God.

Amos had a vision of God as supreme in all the universe and in all lands. His prophecies declared God's purpose regarding all the neighbors of Israel. He was not content with speaking in his own country of Judah but wandered north to the territory of the king of Israel and there declared God's doom upon the idolatrous worship at Bethel. I have often been grieved to see the tendency to feel that one should either go into missionary work in a foreign country trying to preach Christ where he was not known, or if one remained in this country should necessarily settle down to a regular post with a set position and particular stated hours at which the Word of God should be preached. Amos declared the Word of God on all occasions and in all circumstances. The same spirit which is needed by the one who is to be an effective missionary is equally needed in our own country. Some of you are intending to go as missionaries to foreign lands. Others are planning to devote yourselves to work in this country. My hope is that you will consider yourselves equally as missionaries—not as those who fill a position for which you have been trained but as those who declare the Word of God and seek to make it effective.

The message of Amos is predominantly one of doom. He declares the judgment of God upon the Apostate church of his day but he did not stop with doom. He looked beyond it and saw the light of God's promises beyond the punishment that was ahead. He saw that the house of Israel would be sifted, but after the sifting God would bring in blessings upon those who should be true to him. Amos was only allowed to catch a glimpse, an outlook that would be made clearer with the coming of the Messiah and the establishment of God's covenant within the hearts of his people. You have a greater privilege than belonged to Amos for you have this message not only as it is prefigured so frequently in the Old Testament, but as it is clearly set forth in the New Testament. You can declare