

"LOOSE TACKLE"

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I. THE SYMBOL

1. A MARINE SYMBOL

A. SUGGESTED BY V. 21

B. ZION IS COMPARED TO AN UNSEAWORTHY VESSEL.

(1). YOUR ROPES HANG LOOSE

(2). THEY CANNOT SERVE THE TWO PURPOSES FOR WHICH
THEY WERE INTENDED—
SUPPORTING THE MAST, AND EXTENDING THE SAIL.

2. A SYMBOL OF CONDEMNATION

A. SEE EXAMPLE OF EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY OF THE RUIN OF TYRE,
CHAP. 27.

B. vs. 7-9; 25-30; 32-34.

II. ITS SIGNIFICANCE

1. LOOSE LIVING

A. NO MORAL CHARACTER TO STRENGTHEN THE LIFE.

B. WHAT IS MEANT BY LOOSE LIVING?

(1). GODLESS LIVING—WITHOUT GOD.

(2). CARNAL AND FLESHLY; NOT SPIRITUAL

(3). EARTHLY AND MATERIAL, INSTEAD OF HEAVENLY.

(4). DISREGARD FOR SOCIAL, MORAL, AND ETHICAL STANDARDS.

(5). WILD AND RECKLESS, WITHOUT RESTRAINT.

C. THE CURE FOR LOOSE LIVING

(1). A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

(2). A NEW CREATION, A NEW HEART.

(3). THE BIBLE AS A STANDARD.

2. LUSTRELESS LIVING.

A. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE FOR WHOM LIFE HAS LOST ITS LUSTRE.

B. LOOSE LIVING ALWAYS LEADS TO LUSTRELESS LIVING —
NOT TO RADIANT LIVING, AS IT PROMISES.

C. HOW TO LIVE RADIANTLY.

(1). HAVE THE JOY OF THE LORD IN YOUR HEART.

(2). LIVE FOR A GREAT PURPOSE.

(3). MEDITATE IN GOD'S WORD.

(A). IN JOSHUA 1:8, THE SECRET OF PROSPERITY

(B). IN PSALM 1:2, THE SECRET OF FRUITFULNESS

(C). IN JAMES 1:25, THE SECRET OF BLESSEDNESS.

(4). COMMUNE WITH GOD OFTEN IN PRAYER.

(5). LIVE LOYALLY TO JESUS CHRIST

(6). MAINTAIN CONSTANT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

(7). STAY BUSY AND ACTIVE IN YOUR CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES.

(8). DISCIPLINE YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR TONGUE

(9). SEEK FOR GOOD AND NOT BAD IN PEOPLE AND EVENTS

(10). KEEP LOOKING FORWARD AND UPWARD

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