

"Gray hairs are upon his head and he knoweth it not."

That's the most unnatural thing I've ever heard of! ~~Everybody~~

~~knows~~ Nobody misses that first gray hair. ~~Some~~ women plunge

~~into~~ a state of d Upon discovering the first gray hair

some women plunge into a state of depression that last for weeks.

They ~~pull~~ pull them out, dye them and cover them with wigs --

but nobody fails to notice them.

So God is saying that an unthinkable thing has happened to His people. What is obvious to everyone else is unknown to them. They have lost their spiritual youth and vitality, ~~they~~, the signs of declining strength and approaching death are upon them, yet they don't realize it.

We need a second sight that will reveal to us the gray hairs in our spiritual life and point up the need for Revival.

The Church of Jesus Christ needs such a Second Sight!

I've known many Christians who have ~~need~~ Our churches are busier today than ever before

The Church of Jesus Christ desperately needs a second sight!

For while we are busy preaching our sermons, teaching our classes and building our buildings, the devil has been moving up ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ his heavy artillery on our blind side. It is a story too often repeated of a Christian, concentrating all his energies on his service in the church, suddenly awakens one day to the fact that he's out of fellowship with God, that bitterness and deadness have invaded his spirit. And ~~and~~ he doesn't know when or how it happened.

This is what Hosea is trying to get across to Israel in our text: "Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are sprinkled on his head and he does not know it." Notice that two times Hosea ~~refers~~ refers to the unconscious of the people -- "they know it not." That's the tragedy.