

The Minor Prophets

Hosea – God’s Grace and His Redeeming Love

Lesson 3

Please pray and ask the Lord to teach you through His Holy Spirit before you begin.

Read Chapter 6 and 7 of Hosea

Chapter 6 – Insincere Remorse and God’s Response

“It isn’t unusual for the accused in a trial to express regret and remorse for what they’ve done and to ask for another chance. That’s just what Israel did, but God anticipated their hypocritical subterfuge and exposed not only their duplicity but also the sinful way they had treated their Lord.” Warren Wiersbe

1. Read verses 1-3 along with Hosea 7:10; Ezekiel 37:11-13; and I Corinthians 15:4. What do you learn?

a. Look at verse 3 and think about what we gain when we pursue the knowledge of the Lord. See also John 17:3 and Isaiah 44:3.

2. Read verses 4-6.

a. What is verse 4 saying?

b. Read verse 5 with Jeremiah 23:29 and Hebrews 4:12. What do you learn?

c. What does the Lord require of us? (Micah 6:6-8)

3. Verses 7-11 contain an indictment of what group?

a. Why do you think God is accusing them of murder? Read Jeremiah 5:30,31 for help with your answer.

b. Do you see a parallel to what is happening in churches today?

Chapter 7 – Refusal to Repent

4. Read verses 1-3 along with Luke 13:34; Luke 12:2 and Romans 1:32.

a. What is God saying to Israel?

b. Could this be said of our nation?

5. Read verses 4-7.

“The civil leaders’ evil lust burned so passionately all night, that the prophet repeatedly described it like a consuming oven, so hot that the baker could forego stirring the fire during the entire night and still have adequate heat for baking the next morning” quoted from the MacArthur study Bible

a. How would this state of mind in the leaders bring about ‘government sanctioned wickedness’?

6. Explain verses 8-10. Psalm 106:35 and Matthew 6:24 may help with your answer.

7. Have you ever seen a mourning dove nest? It is so flimsy and ill-placed it’s a wonder any of their eggs manage to hatch! Read verses 11 and 12. Why is God comparing Ephraim to a silly dove?

8. Give the plain meaning of verses 13-16. The cross-references may help.

v. 13 – Job 21:14,15

v. 14 – Job 35:9,10; Philippians 3:19

v. 15 – Psalm 106:43-45

v. 16 – Psalm 78:57 and Hosea 9:3

9. When we are chastened by the Lord what should our response always be?

“For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”
Hebrews 12:6