

HOSEA

– THE PROPHET OF GOD'S HEART –

Promises or Platitudes?

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ISRAEL'S RESPONSE TO GOD

HOSEA 6:1 Come, and let us return to the LORD; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.²After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.³Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth.

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PROVERBS 3:11 My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; ¹²For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

HEBREWS 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

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2 THESSALONIANS 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

GOD'S RESPONSE TO ISRAEL

HOSEA 6:4 “O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away.⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth.⁶ For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

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ISAIAH 29:13 Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden."

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HOSEA 6:7 “But like men they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt treacherously with Me.⁸ Gilead is a city of evildoers, and defiled with blood.⁹ As bands of robbers lie in wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the way to Shechem; surely they commit lewdness.¹⁰ I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: There is the harlotry of Ephraim; Israel is defiled.¹¹ Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, when I return the captives of My people.”