God Speaks to a People at Ease

Studies in Jonah, Amos, Hosea

Your Calf is Rejected
Lesson 12
Hosea 8

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Hosea

- Read – 25-30 minutes
- Study Booklet – Wednesday evening discussion
- John 5:39 – His Person and Work (Way)
- Hosea 14:9 – The ways of God are right
- God’s plan (Covenant) for exaltation of Christ in creation
  - Revelation of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit
  - Sin – the Cross – justification by faith
- A central role for the nation Israel
Hosea’s Message

• The character of God and the character of man
  • Promise of God (Gen 3:15) v. Depravity of man (Gen 3)
  • A marriage made in heaven – Hosea, Gomer and 3 children

• God’s purpose
  • National salvation – the Nation Israel (Judah + Ephraim)
  • Personal salvation – Jews and Gentiles
Hosea – 2 Messages

- God speaks to Hosea (1-3)
  - Hosea’s marriage to Gomer and their 3 children
  - Hosea told speak to his brothers and sisters in Israel
    - Wrath for treachery against God
    - Restoration by the love, truth and righteousness of God
  - Gomer restored – an unfinished story (3:4-5)

- God speaks to the sons of Israel – individuals (4-14)
  - A case (legal) is made against Israel (4:1-6:3)
  - Lament #1 – The evidence is presented (6:4-11:7)
  - Lament #2 – The Holy One considers the evidence (11:8-13:16)
  - The Divine purpose (14)
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- A warning trumpet (SHOFAR) blast (8:1-2)
- The transgression of Israel (8:3-14)
Shofar
A Warning Shofar Blast (8:1-2)

- The LORD arrives on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:13, 18-20)
- “I am bringing disaster on this people” (Jer. 6:16-19)
- Like an eagle (vulture) – unclean animal (Eze. 7:20-22)
- Against the House of the LORD – God’s presence
- Transgressed My Covenant – Divine Blessing
- Rebelled against My Law – Mosaic Law
- Despised the blessing of God (Isaiah 1:1-4)
- A false cry for help
- Six proofs (8:3-14)
Israel has rejected the good (8:3)

- The character of God’s creation (Gen 1:31)
- The character of God’s ways with His people (Ps 84:11)
- The character of God (Psalm 34:8)
- The promise of the Everlasting Covenant (Jer. 32:40)
- The promise of the Good Shepherd (Psalm 23:6)
- The enemy will pursue – Isaiah 57:21 – no peace
Set up kings, but not by Me (8:4a)

- An alternate monarchy
- Wisdom of man preferred to wisdom of God
- Despised the promise of Christ
Made idols for themselves (8:4b-7)

- Silver and gold (2:8)
- A rejected calf
  - Jeremiah 10:5 – “a scarecrow in a cucumber field”
  - Anger burns against Israel
  - Incapable of innocence
  - Calf broken to pieces – see also 10:5-6
- Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind – evil end
- Grain plants without grain – no gain
- Hosea 12:1 – Israel pursues the east wind continually
Israel is swallowed up (8:8-10)

- Israel’s role – a light to the nations (Gen 12:2-3)
- A vessel in whom none delight
- A wild donkey going alone to Assyria for help
- Hired lovers – Ezekiel 16:33-34
- They will diminish because of burden imposed by Assyria
- Be holy – Leviticus 20:26; 1 Peter 1:14-16
Corrupted worship (8:11-13)

- Multiplied altars for sin offerings and increased sin
- Rejected the precepts of God – strange things
- Sacrificial gifts for personal delight (a good meal)
- No delight to God
- He remembers their sin
- They will return to Egypt – bondage of sin
Built palaces and fortified cities (8:14)

- Forgot his Maker – Sovereign Possessor of heaven and earth
- Built palaces (Jer 22:13-17; Hag 1:4-11) – comfort
- Built fortified cities – security
- No gain – fire on cities and palatial dwellings
YOUR CALF IS REJECTED

- Despised the blessing
- Rejected the good
- Christ: You are “either with Me or against Me.” (Luke 11:23)
- “Put the shofar to your lips!”