

God Speaks to a People at Ease
Studies in Jonah, Amos, Hosea

Cast Away by God
Lesson 13
Hosea 9

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Hosea's Message

- ▶ The Holy God loves an evil nation
- ▶ This deeply depraved nation must be judged by God
- ▶ God will not judge it, but will bless it eternally
- ▶ Structure:
 - Failed marriage of Hosea to Gomer and birth of 3 children
 - Gomer (unreformed prostitute) is taken back by Hosea
 - A discourse on the application of this story to Israel

Outlines

- ▶ **Literary:** narrative (a story) and poetic (interpretation)
 - 1-2 – narrative (1:1-9); poetic (1:10-2:23)
 - 3-14 – narrative (3); poetic (4-14)
- ▶ **Prophetic:** message to and through the prophet
 - 1-3 – message to Hosea
 - 4-14 – message through Hosea to the sons of Israel

Poetic Message

- ▶ Hosea speaks to Israel about the marriage (1:10-2:23)
 - The life of a prostitute (2:1-13)
 - The promise of God's blessing (1:10-11; 2:14-23)
- ▶ Hosea applies this marriage picture to Israel (4-14)
 - The charge against Israel (4:1-6:3)
 - Lament #1: The evidence of that charge (6:4-11:7)
 - Lament #2: Judgment due but withheld (11:8-13:16)
 - The final solution – “I will heal . . . I will love” (14)
- ▶ A preparation for Christ and the Cross
 - God is just and the justifier (Romans 3:26)

Hosea 9 – Cast away by God

- ▶ The evidence presented (6:4-8:14)
 - Unbelief (6:4-7)
 - Murder (6:8-11)
 - Hearts burning with wickedness (7:1-7)
 - Seeking favor of nations (world) and not God(7:8-16)
 - Not cry out to God, but to kings and idols (8:1-10)
 - Forget God and His Word (8:11-14)

Hosea 9 – Cast away by God

- ▶ A Godless joy (9:1-2)
- ▶ A futile religion (9:3-6)
- ▶ A taste of punishment (9:7-9)
- ▶ An historical pattern (9:10-14)
- ▶ A nation cast away (9:5-17)

A Godless Joy (9:1)

- ▶ Do not rejoice like the nations
- ▶ The joy of forsaking God
- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:5

A Futile Religion (9:2-6)

- ▶ Wages of sin will fail
- ▶ They will not remain in the land
- ▶ Return to Egypt and go to Assyria
- ▶ False religion will cease
- ▶ Destruction
- ▶ A severe mercy

A Taste of Punishment (9:7-9)

- ▶ The days of punishment have come
- ▶ No word from the LORD
- ▶ Hostility to God
- ▶ Deep depravity – like Gibeah
- ▶ God remembers

An Historical Pattern (9:10-14)

- ▶ A blessed beginning for Israel
- ▶ Devoted to shame at Baal-peor
- ▶ The glory departs
- ▶ The prophet's prayer for barrenness

A Nation Cast Away (9:15-17)

- ▶ All evil at Gilgal
- ▶ God's resolve
 - Drive them out of My house
 - Love them no more
 - Slay the precious ones of their womb
- ▶ My God will cast them away
 - They will be wanderers among the nations

CAST AWAY BY GOD

- ▶ Evidence that demands a verdict
- ▶ The lovingkindness and faithfulness of God

Hosea 2:19-20 – “I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and in compassion, and I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD”