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)
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- 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)
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- 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
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”