

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

At Ease in the LORD
Lesson 17
Hosea 14

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What is the Message of Hosea?

- ▶ God's view of the history of Israel
- ▶ Hosea's marriage and family (Hosea 1-3)
 - Marriage to Gomer, a prostitute (1:2)
 - 3 children – Jezreel, Lo-ruhammah, Lo-Ammi
 - Gomer leaves
 - Gomer is brought back (3:1-2)
- ▶ Israel began in Egypt (2:15; 11:1; 12:9; 13:4)
- ▶ A wanderer among the nations (3:4; 8:8; 9:17; 11:5)
- ▶ Restoration in the last days (3:5; 2:14-25)

What is the Message of Hosea?

- ▶ The sin of Israel – exposed and condemned
- ▶ No truth, lovingkindness or knowledge of God (4:1)
- ▶ Hostility to God (5:7; 7:13-15; 9:7-8)
- ▶ Transgressed the covenant – faithless (6:7; 8:1)
- ▶ Double guilt (10:10 and Jeremiah 2:9-13)
- ▶ National adultery (cf. Amos 5:25-26)
- ▶ Idols made by “their own understanding” (13:2)
- ▶ Mixed with the nations – like the nations (7:8; 8:8)
- ▶ Trusted in their way/wisdom (5:11; 10:13)
- ▶ Enslaved to sin (5:4)
- ▶ Under wrath (5:6; 9:15-17; 13:7-8, 16)

What is the Message of Hosea?

- ▶ Revelation of God's character and ways
- ▶ A God of wrath
- ▶ A God of righteousness, justice, lovingkindness, compassion, faithfulness (2:19-20)
- ▶ A God of promise (2:16-18, 23)
- ▶ A transcendent God (11:9)

What is the Purpose of Hosea?

- ▶ Why the marriage and the message?
- ▶ A call to return and seek the LORD
- ▶ The purpose of Scripture: Job 3:15; Habakkuk 2:4
- ▶ Jonah 2:2 – Salvation is of the LORD
- ▶ Hebrews 11:6 – God is and God rewards
- ▶ John 5:39 – salvation and Christ
- ▶ Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17)
- ▶ One Gospel in Scripture

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- ▶ The Gospel call (14:1-3)
- ▶ The Gospel promise (14:4-8)
- ▶ The Final Word (14:9)

Hosea Proclaims the Gospel (14:1-3)

- ▶ A message to the nation Israel
- ▶ A message to individuals in Israel
- ▶ Take words with you and return to the LORD your God
- ▶ Take away all iniquity (Ps. 103:3, 10, 12)
- ▶ Take the good
- ▶ Offer the bullocks of our lips (Heb. 13:15; Ps. 116:17)
- ▶ Rejection of Assyria, horses and idols
- ▶ Mercy for the fatherless

Hosea's Gospel

- ▶ Separated from God by sin
- ▶ Must believe that the LORD God is the Savior
- ▶ Must believe in human inability to save
- ▶ Must believe that the LORD God is willing to save
- ▶ The manner of saving is not clear in the O.T.

The Gospel Promise (14:4-8)

- ▶ I will heal their “backturning”
- ▶ I will love them freely (Literally: “voluntary offering”)
- ▶ My anger is turned away
- ▶ The blessings of salvation
 - I will be like dew to Israel
 - Israel will blossom like the lily
 - Israel will take root like Lebanon
 - Shoots will sprout
 - Beauty like the olive tree; fragrance like Lebanon

The Blessing for the Nations

- ▶ Living in the shade of Israel
- ▶ Fruitfulness
- ▶ Memorial like the wine of Lebanon

The Care of the Father (14:8)

- ▶ No more to do with idols
- ▶ He will answer and care for them
- ▶ He is the source of their fruit
- ▶ The blessing of the Gospel
 - Forgiveness
 - Sanctification

The Final Word (14:9)

- ▶ For the ways of the LORD are right
- ▶ The ways of the LORD divide the human race
- ▶ The need for wisdom and discernment

AT EASE IN THE LORD

- ▶ A people at ease in their sins
- ▶ Pending wrath – for over 2000 years
- ▶ The revelation of the Person and Work of God
- ▶ A call to believe