



Series: Hosea, The Scandalous Love of God

Passage: Hosea 3:1-5; 1:10-11

Title: God's Harlot Bride

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Discussion Starter – In the midst of God's rebuke of the northern Kingdom of Israel communicated by the example of Hosea's marriage to the adulterous Gomer, God's sovereign choice and future promises to the nation of Israel are re-affirmed. What does this reveal to us about the heart of God toward His people and His commitment to keep His word?

Read Psalm 34:18-22

- 1) What is the distinguishing characteristic of the people to whom God will draw near?
- 2) What is God's promise to His people in this passage?
- 3) What does this passage reveal to us about the state of the hearts of the people of Israel at the time of Hosea's prophecy?
 - a) Have you ever turned your back on God? If so, how did He call you and restore you to faith? How does He sustain you every day?

Read Hosea 3:1-2

- 4) Describe Gomer's condition in these verses. How is her condition like the nation Israel? How is it similar to our condition before we were called by Christ?
- 5) What was the significance to the value of 15 shekels of silver for Gomer at auction?
 - a) What does Gomer's life teach the nation of Israel about a life of spiritual adultery?
 - b) What does Gomer's example teach us about an individual life lived in rebellion against God?

Read Hosea 3:3-5

- 6) What were Hosea's terms for Gomer as stated in verse 3? How did Israel's captivity in Assyria impact them from further idolatry?
- 7) Describe what is meant by the phrase, "so too will I be toward you" at the end of verse 3?
- 8) Read Isaiah 1:18-20. How does God propose and promise to protect His people from sin's destruction?
 - a) What does it mean to "reason together" with God? What does this invitation reveal to us about God's love for His rebelling people?
- 9) What 3 specific prophecies are promised for Israel in these verses?
- 10) What timeline is declared by the word "afterward" in verse 5? Compare this with the word "until" in Romans 11:25.

Read Revelation 22:12 and 16

- 11) Who will be Israel's ultimate and final King?
- 12) How is Jesus both the Root as well as the Offspring of David?