



Series: Hosea, The Scandalous Love of God

Passage: Hosea Chapters 5:8-6:6

Title: God Pursues A Sinful Nation

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Discussion Starter – Describe some of the parallels you see between Israel/Judah and the current condition of the United States represented in this sermon? In what ways do you think God is pursuing our nation?

Read Hosea 4:1-3

1. God indicts Israel of three things. “There is no truth or mercy or knowledge of God in the land”. How would today’s America stand against the three charges? What are some of the evidences God would use to describe these charges against our nation?
 - a. What role do you think we have as the body of Christ to pursue those who are lost and what message should we bring?

Read Hosea 4:6-9

2. God tells the leaders and priests in Israel have destroyed His people, because they have a lack of knowledge. Why do you think this happened to Israel’s leadership?
3. Summarize in your own words what God said about the leaders and what would progressively happen to them if they did not change their ways. What were the leaders sowing, and what would they reap?

Read Hosea 5:8-15

4. What was the significance of each of the towns mentioned here in verse 8, including the order that they are mentioned?
5. Describe what God declared against the princes of Judah in verse 10?
6. What does it mean when God said that Ephraim willingly walked by human precepts? How is this related to Adam and Eve’s sin in the Garden of Eden?
7. Not walking in God’s wisdom causes a nation to rot away. How is this condition of vain religion represented in the church today? What are some of the progressive erosions and decay that you have seen in your lifetime in the United States as a result of the church not standing for truth?
8. When Ephraim saw the judgment upon him, where did he go, and what was the problem of where he sought help? What does this reveal to us about the king of Ephraim? What was God looking for from Ephraim?
9. What is the antidote to vain religion?
 - b. Read Matthew 7:13-14. What insights does this passage give us on how we should shape our views and values?

Read Hosea 6:1-6

10. How does Hosea 6:1-3 connect to Hosea 5:15? God uses the prophet Hosea to reveal His heart, and to let His people know what He is looking for from them, restoring them back into a right relationship with Him. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What similar insights are revealed to us in this passage?
11. Describe in your own words the message God is relaying through Hosea in verses 4 -6. What did He mean by saying “I desire mercy and not sacrifice”?
 - c. Hosea reminds us that God loves us and seeks to redeem us, even when we have turned away from Him. Who can you pray for that currently has turned away from God and His word?