

Relentless

A Series on Hosea



MISSING GOD

- God is calling Israel back to HIM!
 - Rules, laws, customs, ceremony is never enough!
 - God wants our hearts...
- Ch 10 – When prosperity comes...
 - A vine that produces more for sin! Isa 5
 - Heart is “smooth talker” – self lies!



SELF DELUSION: (3-10)

1. Turning on the “king” and God
2. Lost trust and truth – oaths (4)
3. Lost power – idols are “lost” (5-6)
4. “stick on the water” (7)
5. bury your guilt”, hide from God (8)



SELF DELUSION: (3-10)

6. **Shame, now and then! Gibeah – Judg 19,20 (9)**
 - Sin of Benjamin, almost lost a tribe!
 - One of Israel's lowest moments
7. **Double guilt – to God and themselves! (10)**
8. **“whistle while your work” – eating (11)**
 - Feeding the flesh
 - I will yoke you!
 - Plow... Harrow



THE GREAT INVITATION! (12)

- Sow – scatter seed looking at the long term
- Reap with loyalty in mind
- Break up the fallow ground!
 - Un-broken, hard packed, useless
 - YOU break it up...
 - Charles Finney had some ideas...
 - It is TIME to seek Him- raining righteousness!!!



GREENER GRASS? (13-15)

- **Plow wickedness –**
 - Reap injustice,
 - Fruit of lies
 - False trust
 - Destruction and devastation
 - At Bethel... one of 2 golden calves



ADOPTION FROM GOD

1. Always loved – since his “youth”. (1)
2. Calling love – He called, Israel ran away. (2)
3. Gentle love – caught you when you fell, carried you, healed you – taught you to walk! (3)
4. Fatherly love – “cords of a man”, led, freed, stooped, fed (4)

