



Part 7: Hard & Soft Hearts

Hosea 9-10

1. Read James 4:4. Why are the people called “adulterous” here?

a. Why is this term helpful for thinking clearly about sin?

b. Why do we need to understand that God’s love is still relentless in light of this term?

2. Read Deuteronomy 8:11-14. What is the warning given to God’s people here?

a. Why should this personally concern you?

b. Fill in the blanks. Spiritual Principle - _____ times often _____ hearts; _____ times often _____ hearts.

3. Read Hosea 9:1-3 and 10:1-2. What was the prosperity in Israel leading the people to do?

a. What does Revelation 2:4-5 speak about? Teach?

b. What is Revelation 3:15-20 teaching?

c. How have you seen soft/easy times lead you *away* from God? Why do you think this was?

4. What do the following verses teach about the place God must have in our lives?

a. Matthew 22:36-37 –

b. Matthew 10:37 –

c. Luke 14:33 –

5. Read Acts 17:28 and Romans 11:33-36. Why is God worthy of being the center of ALL of my affections 24/7?

6. Read Hosea 9:4-5. Why do hardened hearts engage in hypocritical, false worship?

a. How do you discern if you're engaged in hypocritical worship?

7. Read Hosea 9:6-17. What did God plan to do because of their hardened hearts?

a. Why does God's relentless love require Him to do this?

8. Read Hosea 10:11-15. What is the remedy for a hard heart that God gives in verse 12?

a. Why is confession of sin, repentance from sin, and fresh dependence on God essential for softening my heart toward God?

b. Why must I center my soul first and foremost on Jesus to soften my heart?

c. What have you *experienced with God* during the times your heart was *most tender*?

9. What needs to be addressed in your life for your heart to be more tender toward Jesus?
