

CHARACTER BUILDER

Hosea: God is Love

Sunday, July 6, 2025 | Tommy Duke
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FACTS ABOUT HOSEA:

- Name means “_____.”
- Was the son of _____.
- Original audience was the people of Israel (the _____).
- Began his ministry during the reign of Jereboam II and prophesied until shortly after the fall of Samaria in 722 B.C.
- Written approximately 715 B.C., recording events from about 753-715 B.C.
- Written to illustrate _____ for His _____.

LOVE (אַהֲבָה) ‘_____’: A DEEP, COMMITTED, OFTEN _____
LOVE, ESPECIALLY GOD’S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

LOVE (חֶסֶד) ‘_____’: LOVINGKINDNESS, MERCY, STEADFASTNESS,
_____, AND LOYALTY.

TO KNOW THE FULLNESS OF GOD’S LOVE, I MUST UNDERSTAND THAT...

- GOD LOVES ME – _____.

“When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, ‘Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshipping other gods.’”

- Hosea 1:2

“For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.” - Colossians 1:13-14

- GOD’S LOVE _____.

“Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the Lord said to Hosea, “Name your daughter Lo-ruhamah - ‘Not loved’ - for I will no longer show love to the people of Israel or forgive them.” - Hosea 1:6

“At that time I will plant a crop of Israelites and raise them for myself. I will show love to those I called ‘Not loved.’ And to those I called ‘Not my people,’ I will say, ‘Now you are my people.’ And they will reply, ‘You are our God!’” - Hosea 2:23

• **GOD'S LOVE** _____.

"They will eat and still be hungry. They will play the prostitute and gain nothing from it, for they have deserted the Lord to worship other gods..." - Hosea 4:10-11

"I led Israel along with my ropes of kindness and love. I lifted the yoke from his neck, and I myself stooped to feed him." - Hosea 11:4

(Jesus) *"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." - John 10:10*

• **GOD'S LOVE** _____.

"'But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt.' 'When that day comes,' says the Lord, 'you will call me "my husband" instead of "my master."'"
- Hosea 2:14-16

• **GOD'S LOVE** _____.

Memory Verse:

"Then the Lord said to me, 'Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the Lord still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.'" - Hosea 3:1

"The Lord says, 'Then I will heal you of your faithlessness; my love will know no bounds, for my anger will be gone forever.'" - Hosea 14:4

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." - 1 Peter 1:18-19

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Hosea 3:1.
- ☐ Ask God to use me to share His incomparable love with others this week.
- ☐ RSVP for Membership Class NEXT Sunday (12:15 – 2:45pm).
- ☐ Go public with my faith in Jesus by participating in the next Baptism on Sunday, July 20.

* Join us next Sunday, July 13, at 11:00am, as we continue our summer teaching series, *Character Builder: The Prophets*, with "Micah: God is Clear." Consider who you might invite to attend with you!



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