



# *Hasse*

faithful to the unfaithful



# Hosea 9-10

# Our Three Questions

## 1. What does the text say?

- Authorial intent to the intended audience.

## 2. What does the text mean?

- The timeless theological truth.

## 3. How does this apply today?

- What we ought to do with/because of this truth.

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and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria. <sup>4</sup> They shall not pour drink offerings of wine to the LORD, and their sacrifices shall not please him. It shall be like mourners' bread to them; all who eat of it shall be defiled; for their bread shall be for their hunger only; it shall not come to the house of the LORD.

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**<sup>5</sup> What will you do on the day of the appointed festival, and on the day of the feast of the LORD? <sup>6</sup> For behold, they are going away from destruction; but Egypt shall gather them; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall possess their precious things of silver; thorns shall be in their tents.**



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**<sup>7</sup> The days of punishment have come; the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool; the man of the spirit is mad, because of your great iniquity and great hatred. <sup>8</sup> The prophet is the watchman of Ephraim with my God; yet a fowler's snare is on all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God.**

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# Preview

- **9:1 & 10:12 – Two exhortations**
- **9:1b-9:9 – Prostitution w/out Repentance**
  - Wrath is coming – Exile
- **9:10-14 – A promising start – Idolatry**
  - Wrath is coming – Barrenness (legacy)
- **10:1-10 – Israel's fruitfulness – Selfish**
  - Wrath is coming – War & Exile (poverty)
- **10:11-15 – Israel's strength – Trusted army**
  - Wrath is coming – War & Exile (broken strength)

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**Another look at the exhortations**

**It is within God's character be wrathful**

**Worship (responding to God rightly) is  
orderly**

**Application**



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# Hosea 9:1b - 9

## Indictment:

9:1b – Prostitution “on all threshing floors.”

9:7b-9 – Mistreatment of the prophets

## Consequence:

Loss of production, land that produces, joy that comes with eating, bondage

# Hosea 9:10-17

9:10a – Delightful potential – Fathers

Indictment:

9:10b – Then ... Baal-peor

Consequence:

9:11-17 – Loss of children (legacy/pride)

# Hosea 10:1-10

10:1a – Israel produced beautifully

## Indictment:

10:1b-5 & 9a – self-indulgent/sufficient,  
trusting their wealth and idols (Gibeah)

## Consequence:

10:6-8 & 9b-10 – Loss of comfort, idols,  
and autonomy (destroyed like Gibeah)

# Hosea 10:11-15

10:11a – Israel's potential strength

## Indictment:

10:13 – Trusted in their own strength, →  
iniquity, injustice, lies

## Consequence:

10:11b, 14-15 – Forced labor & failed  
strength in battle



# Review

**Stop the partying and seek the Lord**

**Forefathers – Judges – Kings**

**Baal-peor – Gibeah – Present**

**Grapes – Vines – Calves**

**Wrath is coming, so repent**

# What do we learn?

God acts within His character

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God is holy and punishes sin

(wrath)

# What do we learn?

**Worship (responding to God) is orderly.**

**Stop exalting**

**seek the Lord relationally**

# What do we learn?

**Amos 5:18-24 – (Praise songs)**

**Isaiah 58 – (Fasting)**

**Malachi 1:6-14 – (sacrifices)**

**Matthew 5:23-24 – (Gifts)**

**1 Peter 3:7 – (prayers)**

# Application

**Heart check: How do we view God?**

**Is God truly Holy and revered?**

**Don't play religion games, but enter into real relationship. Let that inform orderly worship.**

# Questions

Was there anything from the text that jumped out at you? If so, what was it and why did it stand out for you?

How do you feel about the wrath of God. Is it a foreign topic? Does it make you uncomfortable? Does it make you question God's goodness?

How do you feel about the mercy and forgiveness of God? Is it a foreign topic? Does it make you uncomfortable. Does it make you question God's goodness?

Read Hosea 9:14. This is an example of an imprecatory prayer (one that calls on God to punish sin). How do you feel about that? Have you ever desired justice the way Hosea desires it here?

In the text, Hosea calls on the people to stop their "exalting" or proud celebrating and to return to the Lord in steadfast love. This brings up the notion of orderly worship. When you think about your own relationship with God, what is the next best thing for you to do in that relationship? Do you ever get things out of order? If so, in what way? What should change?