

A close-up photograph of a person's arm in a white medical cast, reaching out to hold the hand of another person. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The text 'Hosea' is overlaid in a large, red, cursive font, and 'faithful to the unfaithful' is overlaid in a smaller, red, sans-serif font below it.

Hosea

faithful to the unfaithful



Hosea 2:16-3:5

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.

Hosea 2:16-3:5

¹⁶ “And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ ¹⁷ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. ¹⁸ And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground.

Hosea 2:16-3:5

And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. ¹⁹ And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰ I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord. ²¹ “And in that day I will answer, declares the Lord,

Hosea 2:16-3:5

I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth,

²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel,

²³ and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

Hosea 2:16-3:5

¹ And the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.” ² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.”

Hosea 2:16-3:5

⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

Preview

- **2:16-23**
 - The prophecy, post-divorce – “that day”
- **3:1-3**
 - The story, post-divorce – Hosea and Gomer
- **3:4-5**
 - The prophecy, post-divorce – “latter days”
- **Christ in the text – 2:16, 19-20, 3:1-2 & 5**
- **What we learn about God as “husband”**
- **Application**

Hosea 2:14-23

¹⁴ “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. ¹⁵ And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁶ “And in that day, declares the Lord, ...

Hosea 2:14-23

In the day the Lord woos her ...

“you will call me “My Husband,” and
no longer will you call me “My Baal.”

For – and – and – and – and – and

Hosea 2:14-23

¹⁷ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. ¹⁸ And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety.

Hosea 2:14-23

19 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. **20** I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

Hosea 2:14-23

- For – Take away their Baals
- And – Take away the memories
- And – Renew the earth
- And – Bring peace on earth
- And – Betroth His people to Himself
- And – Know the LORD

Hosea 2:14-23

16 “And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal’...”

21 “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, ²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel,

Hosea 2:14-23

²³ and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

Restoration

- **21-22** – The Heavens and Earth
- **23a** – From the Lord to the people
- **23b** – From the people to the Lord

Hosea 3:1-3

¹ And the LORD said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins.” ² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ And I said to her, “You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.”

Back to the narrative

“Go again, love a woman...”

- So I bought her ...

The commands

- You must dwell as mine for many days
- You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man
- So will I also be to you

Hosea 3:4-5

⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Hosea 3:4-5

3:4 Exile

- Duration = “many days”
- Without king or prince – autonomy
- Without sacrifice, pillar, ephod, or household gods – no formal worship

3:5 Afterward – “latter days”

Seek and return to the Lord “and David their king”

Jesus in the text

Jesus is the husband

Matthew 9:14-16, Mark 2:18-20, Luke 5:33-36, John 3:28-30, Revelation 19:6-9

Betrothed forever, in justice, and in mercy

Where is God's justice met and mercy given at the same time?

Go again – so he bought her

When does God enter the marketplace to purchase His bride?

Applications

Hosea 2:16 –

**And in that day, declares
the LORD, you will call me
“My Husband,” and no
longer will you call me “My
Baal.”**

Applications

**Know the Lord as
Husband**

Applications

The Lord desires our affections and not just our submission.

He desires our hearts and not just our hands.

Applications

And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

Applications

Read the word, not just to know what to believe and what do to, but to get to know the one who loves you.

Applications

You must dwell as mine for many days. You must not play the whore or belong to another man; so will I also be to you.

Applications

From time to time, we need a prolonged and undistracted time away with the Lord, especially when wrestling with sin.

Take the time.

Questions

- Did anything jump out to you from the text of Hosea?
- When you hear and understand the relationship between Hosea and Gomer, what comes to mind for you?
- When you hear Scripture say that we will refer to the Lord as “My Husband” how does that comport with you? Is it easy to think of God this way or is it difficult to get there for you?
- Have you ever taken a period of time away to dedicate it to the Lord. This could be retreat with community or a retreat by yourself.
 - If so, do you make a habit of taking time like this? If this is the case, feel free to share the value you see in it.
 - If not, does such an idea seem undoable? If that is the case, why is that? Can these hurdles be overcome?
- When you read the Bible, what are your motives?
 - Is your mind being engaged? Do you rethink what you believe in order to conform to the word?
 - Is your heart being engaged? Are you getting to know the Lord? Do you delight in the Lord in the text?
 - Is your strength being engaged? Do you take what you learn and make changes in your life.