



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: December 1, 2019

Passage: Hosea

Theme: The Actions of a Jealously Loving God

- I. God loves His people so much He must judge their sin (1:2-9; 2:2-13).
 - A. Hosea's marriage and family picture the relationship of God, Israel, and her people (1:2-9).
 1. The adulterous wife, Gomer National Israel (1:2; chapters 4, 8, 11:12-12:14)
 2. The hopeless children Israel's People (1:4-9)
 3. The frustrated husband Israel's God (chapters 6, 7, and 11)
 - B. The heinous perpetual sin in the marriage requires judgment (2:2-13).
 1. The children go unloved and disowned (2:2-4)
 2. The adulterous wife (Israel) is destroyed (2:5-13; chapters 5, 9, 10, and 13)
- II. God loves His people so much He restores their relationship with Him (1:10-2:1; 2:14-3:5).
 - A. God chooses to restore completely of his own volition.
 - B. God restores once sin has been truly dealt with.
 - C. God loves even when there is nothing left to love.

Point of Hosea's Prophecy: God jealously and lovingly pursues a genuine relationship with His people.

Application Questions:

1. What does the message of Hosea teach us about God? What does it teach us about ourselves?
2. When you hear a message such as the one delivered by Hosea to the people of Israel about God's unrequited love what does it indicate about your own relationship with him?
3. How do we as Christians living in the church age handle language of God's judgment toward his people? Is his judgment something that we may yet face, or has this already been dealt with through the work of Jesus Christ? (What NT scriptures come to mind to back up your response?)
4. How does seeing from Hosea the jealous nature of God when his people choose sin and idolatry over him challenge us to deal with sin in our own lives and the church?
5. Why is this message a hopeful one for you today?

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