

# CRACK OF DAWN

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HOSEA 6:1-3

HOSEA BEGS, ISRAEL PASSES

# HOSEA: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ...?

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- About the Israelites?
- About Hosea?
- About God?
- About Ourselves?

# WHAT ABOUT “THE BAALS”?

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## **Israel “served the Baals ...”**

- Judges 2:11
- Judges 3:7
- Judges 10:6, 10
- I Samuel 12:10

## **They kept sacrificing to the Baals**

- Jeremiah 7:9; 11:17
- Hosea 11:2

- **They joined themselves to Baal**

- Numbers 25:3,5

## **The sons of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals**

- Judges 8:33

## **They went to serve Baal and worship him**

- I Kings 16:31; 22:53
- II Kings 17:16

# “MY BAAL”

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Hosea 2:16

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

“..... My Baal.”

1. What an insult to God!!
2. Made wonder about my own Baals

# “MY BAALS, MY SMALL-G GODS”

NOTE: NOT AN INCLUSIVE LIST. I ONLY HAVE 30 MINUTES . . . .

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- Sports: pretty much all of them, except Pickle Ball. Sports memorabilia.
  - The St. Louis Cardinals (when they win)
- Trumpets: multiple “gods” here
- Trumpet Players: multiple “gods” here
- Cars
- Job
- Money/financial security
- Children/grand-children; a perfect family
- Performance/perfection
- Opinions of others
- My past
- House; a clean garage
- “Friends” on social media

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# YOUR TURN

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OR: "I KNOW A GUY ...."

# HOSEA 6:1-3

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## WHAT CHANGED?

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# HOSEA'S ART OF PERSUASION

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What Hosea is saying:

“Us” verses “you guys”

“We” can live in his presence

“Our” wounds. Shared pain.

“C’mon! We can do this!!”

What Hosea is thinking:

Should it work?

Could it work?

Does it work?

Why Not?

# WHAT IS HOSEA PERSUADING THEM TO DO?

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- Return to the Lord
- Be healed
- Be revived
- Be restored
- Acknowledge the Lord
- Why won't Israel return?
- What kind of healing?
- Hang tight on the whole 2-day and 3-day reference.
- Is it a pride thing? Are they too far gone? Are they still stubborn?

# YOU'RE THOUGHTS ON THE 2-DAY, 3-DAY REFERENCE MY THOUGHTS ON THE 2-DAY, 3-DAY REFERENCE

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# OTHERS' THOUGHTS ...

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Some say: “shows that even after this fierce slaying they are not beyond the LORD’S healing. Healing is a picture of a complete metamorphosis: a rising from the dead on the third day. The Septuagint’s Greek translation for ‘on the third day he will raise us up’ is part of what lay behind Jesus’ and the NT writers’ statements that Jesus’ resurrection ‘on the third day’ was according to the Scriptures. Hosea was not writing about the Messiah directly, however, but about the people of Israel ... This picture of Israel’s death and resurrection sets the pattern for what eventually will be accomplished in and through Christ.” (Robert Vasholz)

# OTHERS' THOUGHTS ...

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*“The fact that Jesus Christ was in the tomb two days and arose on the third day is only a coincidental parallel; this verse is not a messianic prophecy. The short period of judgment is, however, one of many similarities between Christ's career and that of Israel.” (Dr. Tom Constable)*

# A CALL TO REPENTANCE

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What is true repentance?

What is a true “change of heart?”

Religion versus relationship

Traditions versus relationship

Expectation versus relationship

Fickle love versus true love

# APPLICATION

Who/What are my Baals?

- Is there balance between my passions and my passion for the Lord?

Is my repentance sincere?

Is my love for the Lord real or fickle?

# AND, FINALLY . . . . .

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There is good news:

“God’s love cannot be exhausted—despite our continuous transgressions and rebellions.”