



THE PARTY'S OVER!!!

Hosea 9:1-9



Have any of you ever felt really good about something, only to realize later that it wasn't actually good for you?

MAIN THEMES

**Misplaced Joy:
The Illusion of
Success**

Hosea 9:1-2

**The Price of
compromise:
Blessings
Become Curses**

Hosea 9:3-6

**Spiritual
Blindness:
The Danger of
Presumption**

Hosea 9:7-9



Misplaced Joy: The Illusion of Success

DEUTERONOMY 16:13-15

13 “You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. 14 You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. 15 For seven days you shall keep the feast to the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.”

Isn't it easy to think we have God's approval when the barns are full and everything is good in life?

Hosea 9:1-2: Israel, do not rejoice jubilantly as the nations do, for you have acted promiscuously, leaving your God. You love the wages of a prostitute on every grain-threshing floor. ² Threshing floor and wine vat will not sustain them, and the new wine will fail them.



Based on all we've looked at in Hosea, what sin are the Israelites guilty of?

They were giving credit to Baal for the harvest

APPLICATIONS

Where is true joy found?

Not in the gifts, but in the giver. We can turn the place of blessing (the threshing floor) into a place of adultery as easily as they did.

Joy rooted in sin is temporary at best

Sin can be fun, exciting, and satisfying but only for a time. Nothing is ultimately satisfying that is done outside the will of God.

Where do we mistakenly look for satisfaction in life?

Counterfeit joy is taking God's blessing and giving credit to our own hard work, luck, or some world system.

What do I secretly believe is the source of my success?

We need to do spiritual auditing in our lives every time something good transpires. You can look blessed and still be far from Him.

Who gets the first fruits of our praise?

2. THE PRICE OF COMPROMISE: BLESSINGS TURN TO CURSES (VV. 3-6)

- ***³ They will not stay in the land of the Lord. Instead, Ephraim will return to Egypt, and they will eat unclean food in Assyria. ⁴ They will not pour out their wine offerings to the LORD, and their sacrifices will not please him. Their food will be like the bread of mourners; all who eat it become defiled. For their bread will be for their appetites alone; it will not enter the house of the LORD. ⁵ What will you do on a festival day, on the day of the LORD's feast? ⁶ For even if they flee from devastation, Egypt will gather them, and Memphis will bury them. Thistles will take possession of their precious silver; thorns will invade their tents.***

**Land of the Lord: Dt. 28:58, 63b: ⁵⁸If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name—the Lord your God—...
^{63b}You will be uprooted from the land you are entering to possess.**

Whose land is it?



SUMMARIZE VV. 4-5

No more sacrifices; no more feasts

Their whole identity will be lost

THREE CONSEQUENCES OF PERSISTENT SIN

1. **Loss of Spiritual Freedom - bondage**
2. **Loss of Spiritual Focus -- slogging toward idolatry**
3. **Loss of Spiritual Joy – worship becomes empty routine**

3. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS: THE DANGER OF PRESUMPTION (VV. 7-9)

The days of punishment have come; the days of retribution have come. Let Israel recognize it! The prophet is a fool, and the inspired man is insane, because of the magnitude of your iniquity and hostility. ⁸ Ephraim's watchman is with my God. Yet the prophet encounters a bird trap on all his pathways. Hostility is in the house of his God! ⁹ They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.



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What image does this present of our God?

Why did He wait 200+ years to bring judgment?

What is Israel's response to Hosea's warnings?

They call Hosea a fool

WHY?

Because of the magnitude of their iniquity and hostility (V. 7)

One of the most dangerous symptoms of sin is the inability to hear the truth

In our “culture,” how hard is it to be a man of integrity when it makes you look foolish or unpopular to your peers?

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"Such a thing has never happened or been seen from the day that the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day



Why is it so dangerous for us today to ignore warnings of God's judgments in history?

- 1. History shows that nations and individuals who ignore warnings face eventual, accumulative judgment.**

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- 2. Relying on modern wisdom over historical divine warnings has led to moral relativism where Immoral acts are rationalized and people are left without an anchor.**
 - 3. It produces active disobedience.**



**There are only two kinds of people in the world; those that say
“my will be done,” and those who say “thy will be done.”**

Ignoring Truth Makes You Resistant to Correction

**How do you respond when you're corrected—defensively or
humbly?**