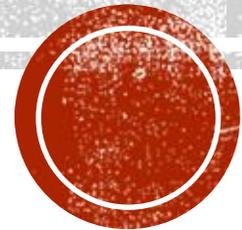


***HOSEA 5***

**... THEN THEY WILL SEEK MY FACE**



# LAST WEEK: ANY THOUGHTS ON WISE LIVING?

Any observations from last week?

1. What personal areas did you note that you are still struggling with foolishness?  
Anyone here free from it yet?
2. Why do you think it is so enticing to contemplate the foolishness of others? Why is it so visible to us?



# HOSEAH 5

Two questions to contemplate as we move forward in Hosea:

- What does Hosea mean to us? Is it:
  - A warning to our own decadent society and government to repent?
  - A chapter in the overall story showing Israel's need for a messiah?
  - An explanation of how sin results in punishment?
  - A story of God's anger and love?
  - Something else?
- Why do the Judeans and Israelites in Hosea experience corporate affliction? Are they all uniformly guilty? Is it a punishment for their guilt?



# LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 5:1-6

Hear this, you priests!

Pay attention, house of Israel!

Listen, *you* of the house of the king!

For the judgment *applies* to you,

Because you have been a trap at

Mizpah,

And a net spread out on Tabor.

<sup>2</sup> And the rebels have gone deep  
in depravity,

But I will discipline all of them.

<sup>3</sup> I know Ephraim, and Israel is not  
hidden from Me;

Because now, Ephraim, you have been  
unfaithful,

Israel has defiled itself.

<sup>4</sup> Their deeds will not allow them  
To return to their God.

For a spirit of infidelity is within them,  
And they do not know the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> Moreover, the pride of Israel testifies  
against him,

And Israel and Ephraim stumble in  
their wrongdoing;

Judah also has stumbled with them.

<sup>6</sup> They will go with their flocks and  
herds

To seek the LORD, but they will not  
find *Him*;

He has withdrawn from them.



# LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 5:7-12

They have dealt treacherously with  
the LORD,

For they have given birth to  
illegitimate children.

Now the new moon will devour them  
with their land.

<sup>8</sup> Blow the horn in Gibeah,  
*And* the trumpet in Ramah.

Sound an alarm at Beth-aven:  
“Behind you, Benjamin!”

<sup>9</sup> Ephraim will become a desolation in  
the day of rebuke;  
Among the tribes of Israel I make  
known what is trustworthy.

<sup>10</sup> The leaders of Judah have become  
like those who displace a boundary  
marker;

On them I will pour out My anger like  
water.

<sup>11</sup> Ephraim is oppressed,  
broken *by* judgment,  
Because he was determined to  
follow *man's* command.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I am like a moth to  
Ephraim,  
And like rottenness to the house of  
Judah.



## HOSEA 5:1-12

- What “active” words identify what Israel is doing in this passage?
- What “passive” results stem from their actions?
- What “active” words identify what God is doing, or going to do to Israel?



# LET'S READ IT: HOSEA 5:13-15

When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
And Judah his sore,  
Ephraim then went to Assyria  
And sent word to King Jareb.  
But he is unable to heal you,  
Or to cure you of your sore.  
14 For I will be like a lion to  
Ephraim  
And like a young lion to the  
house of Judah.  
I, yes I, will tear to pieces and go  
away,

I will carry away, and there will  
be no one to rescue.

15 I will go away and return to My  
place

Until they acknowledge their  
guilt and seek My face;

In their distress they will search  
for Me.



## **HOSEA 5:13-15**

- **Again, what is Israel doing in this passage, and what is God doing?**
- **Is it remarkable that God would “tear, wound, afflict?” Is he afflicting groups of people, or individuals?**
- **When will the events of V.15 happen? What other clues do we have from Hosea?**



# HOSEA 5

- What is God's goal in the process of sin and affliction?
- What part of Hosea's audience will get to experience restoration?
- What is OUR application for this passage?



# HOSEA 5

- A common theme in Hosea, Proverbs, (and Philippians, which I went over with kids on Sunday) is that we can have fellowship with God *now*. What does that look like in practice for us?

