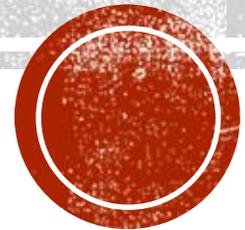


HOSEA 5

... 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?



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Two questions to contemplate as we move forward in Hosea:

- What does Hosea mean to us? Is it:
 - A chapter in the overall story showing Israel's need for a messiah?
- 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 5:7-12

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.

⁸ Blow the horn in Gibeah,
And the trumpet in Ramah.

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

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

¹⁰ The leaders of Judah have become
like those who displace a boundary
marker;
On them I will pour out My anger like
water.

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

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



HOSEA 5:7-12

- 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?
- How are we like Israel?
- In what ways does our sin make sense to us?



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?
- What is our personal equivalent to going to a foreign king for help?
- 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?



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- 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?



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- 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?

