


THE PARTY'S OVER
PART 2:
TURN OUT THE
LIGHTS!

Hosea 9:10-17



What is a hard-earned lesson from your
life you wish someone had warned you
about earlier?

DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD HAVE LISTENED?

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1) ECHOES OF THE HEART V. 10

THE LORD SAYS:

“O Israel, when I first found you, it was like finding fresh grapes in the desert. When I saw your ancestors, it was like seeing the first ripe figs of the season. But then they deserted me for Baal-peor, giving themselves to that shameful idol. Soon they became vile, as vile as the god they worshiped”



What does this image convey to you?

NUM. 25:1-3 (NLT)

While the Israelites were camped at Acacia Grove, some of the men defiled themselves by having sexual relations with local Moabite women. ² These women invited them to attend sacrifices to their gods, so the Israelites feasted with them and worshiped the gods of Moab. ³ In this way, Israel joined in the worship of Baal of Peor, causing the Lord's anger to blaze against his people.

This isn't Israel breaking a rule, **this is profound spiritual betrayal**

Echoes of the heart: God's heart once filled with joy is now broken. Israel has become as detestable as that which they now love

What are the implications of "We become like what we worship?"



The things, goals, or gods we devote our highest affection and attention to ultimately shape our character, actions, and values.

According to St. Augustine, disordered love is the root of sin

The only way to rid yourself of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new affection.

Paraphrase from Thomas Chalmers

You overcome the world (and your flesh) by replacing the love you have for your sin with a greater love for Jesus. The love of God and the love of sin are two affections so completely opposite of one another that they cannot reside in the same life; the heart is not built that way.

Jesus said in speaking of mammon, “you cannot serve two masters.” The same is true of pornography or anything else we fashion to be harmless.

2) THE GLORY DEPARTS - A GREAT REVERSAL VV. 11-13; **GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

¹¹ The glory of Israel will fly away like a bird, for your children will not be born or grow in the womb or even be conceived. ¹² Even if you do have children who grow up, I will take them from you. It will be a terrible day when I turn away and leave you alone. ¹³ I have watched Israel become as beautiful as Tyre. But now Israel will bring out her children for slaughter.”


What does the glory of **Israhobed!** to in this passage

Sin Always Costs More Than We Think It Will – it never stays contained

Sin exposed brings loss of influence, loss of respect, loss of family health, loss of legacy

“The Private sins you justify today will shape the legacy you leave tomorrow.”

***“It will be a terrible day when I turn away
and leave you alone!”***



Aren't we just as susceptible to the temptation to set our affections on something other than God?

Every time we set our affections on something other than God, our first point echoes...we become like what we love.

What you worship will change you. You will develop desires and habits that will either drive you farther and farther away from God or progressively toward Him.

3) A DIFFICULT PRAYER, V. 14 HOSEA SPEAKING NOW

It's right to be ¹⁴honest with God about our heart's desires, but is it also right to temper it with an
What should you give?
Give them a womb that miscarries and
breasts that are dry!

Does loving our brothers well include acknowledging
their occasional need for correction?

4) "BECOMING" VV. 15-16 GOD SPEAKING AGAIN

¹⁵ All their evil appears at Gilgal, for there I began to hate them. I will drive them from my house because of their evil, wicked actions. I will no longer love them; all their leaders are rebellious. ¹⁶ Ephraim is struck down; their roots are withered; they cannot bear fruit. Even if they bear children, I will kill the precious offspring of their wombs.

Did God warn them?

Why didn't they heed the warning?

Their BECOMING is complete, they now resemble

**They wouldn't listen!!!
what they now worship!
Same place, different heart!**

**Most men don't fall because they don't know better
why do we?**

What does God mean that He began to hate them, and that He will no longer love them?

Who has God blamed?

V. 16: *Ephraim is struck down; their roots are withered; they cannot stand.*
The Total Failure of the Leadership: Bad leadership is like the precious offspring of a serpent. It will spread to all levels of society

How thorough is this judgment?

APPLICATION:

These verses serve as a stark warning against thinking we worship the God of the Bible while our hearts are devoted to worldly idols.

As our good brother Bob Pancho used to often remind us: “Stop worshiping the god you want and start worshiping the God who is.”

Trust me, they are not the same god.

5) CONSEQUENCES OF A DISORDERED LOVE
V. 17, HOSEA SPEAKING AGAIN

V. 17: My God will reject them because they have not listened to him; they will become wanderers among the nations



There is Divine Rejection ("My God will cast them away")

The Cause ("Because they did not obey Him"): The exile is a direct consequence of persistent sin, spiritual adultery, rebellion against God, and corrupt leadership

The Consequence ("They will be wanderers/fugitives among the nations"): Just as Israel wandered spiritually, they will physically wander, scattered throughout the world

How then shall we live?" His love shouldn't just make us feel better – it should make us live better as well.

The "Surrender" Test: "What is something in your life that, if God asked you to give it up, you would struggle to let go?"

How can I adjust my daily routine to prioritize connecting with God over my comfort or desires?

Am I willing to allow God to remove things from my life that distract me from Him?"



AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE

What we revere, we resemble. When we revere the world we are conformed to the sinful patterns of the world. When we revere God we are progressively conformed to the image of Christ like we always pray



Do you love me more than these?

*What is your answer regarding your
persistent or besetting sin?*