

Hosea 3 Bought Back by Grace
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This passage has three movements:

The command to love, the cost to redeem, the promise to restore.

"Then the Lord said to me, 'Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans.'" (Hosea 3:1, NKJV)

God's covenant love pursues the unfaithful without treating unfaithfulness as harmless.

God's love does not deny sin; it defeats it with redemption.

"The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; "but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 7:7-8 NKJV)

His love is rooted in covenant grace, not human merit.

"So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley." (Hosea 3:2, NKJV)

Redemption is love with a price tag.

Jesus came to redeem a people.

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, [like] silver or gold, from your aimless conduct [received] by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:18-19 NKJV)

Jesus brings sinners home from death.

"And I said to her, 'You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man; so, too, will I be toward you.'" (Hosea 3:3, NKJV)

God's grace does not merely pardon us; it trains us.

Biblical grace is never permission to remain unchanged.

"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim." (Hosea 3:4, NKJV)

God's discipline is not abandonment; it is preparation.

Discipline strips false securities away so the heart seeks the Lord.

"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do [them]. "Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:24-28 NKJV)

The Lord is not simply taking away; He is preparing to renew, clearing room for a new heart.

"Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days." (Hosea 3:5, NKJV)

True restoration isn't just relief from the consequences; it's returning to the Lord.

Hosea's reference to "David their king" points beyond David. To the rightful King, Redeemer, and Hope of God's people.

Hosea 3 tells us God sees our unfaithfulness clearly.

Remember redemption is costly. Discipline is not rejection; what God removes may be mercy. The call is clear: return to your first love.

Worship Him wholeheartedly.