

## The Unseen and Dangerous Drift of the Soul

Hosea 5:1-15  
March 20, 2022

**Pastors Dessert** - tonight at 6:00!

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1. Neglecting God and his Word will inevitably lead to a drift.

***Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*** - Hebrews 2:1

2. We are unable to overcome the drift without the help of God.

**Stand and Read:** Hosea 5:1-4

1. God pronounces judgment against Israel. vv. 1-2

***1 Hear this, O priests! Pay attention, O house of Israel! Give ear, O house of the king! For the judgment is for you...*** - Hosea 5:1a

***It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*** - Hebrews 10:31

a. God singles out Israel's leadership. v. 1

***1 Hear this, O priests! Pay attention, O house of Israel! Give ear, O house of the king! For the judgment is for you; for you have been a snare at Mizpah and a net spread upon Tabor.*** - Hosea 5:1

b. Israel's leaders have led the people deeper and deeper into idolatry. v. 2

**2 And the revolters have gone deep into slaughter...** - Hosea 5:2a

**2 And the revolters have gone deep into slaughter, but I will discipline all of them.** - Hosea 5:2

2. Israel's drift was not hidden from God. vv. 3-7

**13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.** - Hebrews 4:13

**3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me...** - Hosea 5:3a

**3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, O Ephraim, you have played the whore; Israel is defiled.** - Hosea 5:3

a. Israel's sinful ways kept them from returning to God. v. 4a

**4 Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God...** - Hosea 5:4a

**16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.** - Galatians 5:16-17

**4 Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. For the spirit of whoredom is within them, and they know not the LORD.** - Hosea 5:4

**5 The pride of Israel testifies to his face; Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in his guilt; Judah also shall stumble with them.** - Hosea 5:5

**But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.** - 1 John 2:11

b. God saw their insincere worship. v. 6a

**6 With their flocks and herds they shall go to seek the LORD...** - Hosea 5:6a

c. God points out that their worship was futile. v. 6

**6 With their flocks and herds they shall go to seek the LORD, but they will not find him; he has withdrawn from them.** - Hosea 5:6

**18 And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evil that they have done, because they have turned to other gods.** - Deuteronomy 31:18

**20 And he said, I will hide my face from them; I will see what their end will be, for they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faithfulness.** - Deuteronomy 32:20

**7 They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD; for they have borne alien children. Now the new moon shall devour them with their fields.** - Hosea 5:7

3. Israel's wide spread drift brings the whole nation under judgment. vv. 8-12

**9 Ephraim shall become a desolation in the day of punishment; among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure. 10 The princes of Judah have become like those who move the landmark; upon them I will pour out my wrath like water. 11 Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined to go after filth.** - Hosea 5:8-11

a. God's judgment will be like a moth. v. 12

**12 But I am like a moth to Ephraim, and like dry rot to the house of Judah.** - Hosea 5:12

**When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king...** - Hosea 5:13a

**When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king. But he is not able to cure you or heal your wound.** - Hosea 5:13

b. God's judgment will be like a lion. v. 14

**14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.** - Hosea 5:14

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**15 I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.** - Hosea 5:15

***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9***