

Relentless

A Series on Hosea



THE PATH BACK...

- **God has called! (6:1-3)**
 - Turn back – God will make whole!
 - Live in His Presence
 - Press on to KNOW HIM! Water....
- **Relentless love of God**
 - God continues to call today...



THE PARTY'S OVER! (6:4-7:16)

- What shall I do with you???
- Loyalty like morning cloud, dew... GONE!
- Lukewarm, fleeting, indifferent love (Rev. 3:15)
- Prophets of fire!
 - “like light that goes forth”
 - Even in judgement, God is light!
 - Heb 4:12; Jer 23:29; James 1:17



WHAT I LOOK FOR

- **God does not hide His heart: (6)**
 - I delight in loyalty, not sacrifice
 - Knowledge of God, not burnt meat
 - 1Sam 15:22; Pr 21:3; Isa 58:6; Mt 9:13; 12:7
- **Man descends! (7-11)**
 - Back to Adam!
 - Treacherous, murderers, evil behavior, idolatry, stored up “harvest of judgement



FATHER'S HEART

- I would heal you...!!!
 - God wants to restore and make new
 - Robbed of His opportunity! Thieves, bandits
 - Flaunting sin in my face! (2)
 - Making politicians happy!! (3)



4 ILLUSTRATIONS OF SIN: [4-16]

1. Unstirred fire (4-7)

- Baker starts the process, forgets the “heat”!
- Heat of wine replaces the real fire needed!
- Hearts “heat up” with anger, plotting
- Burning fire of sin in the morning!
- Consume the politicians, all fallen
- “none of them calls on Me.” God still waiting!!



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2. Cake not turned (8-10)

- Mixed with other peoples
- Strength “devoured”
- Gray hairs pop up
- “does not know it”, like Samson... Judges 16:20
- Pride is your conviction!
- No return to God, no seeking Him – still waiting!



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3. Lost birds (11-14)

- Can't find "home" – Egypt, Assyria
- Caught in the net of God
- Strayed, rebel, lie against "Me" 3x (not law)
- "I would redeem them" (13)
- Do not cry to Me from the heart... food/drink
- Turn away from me, no focus or purpose...
- Acts 28:27



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4. A bad Bow

- Devise evil against “Me”
- Wrong turns... look up!
- Deceitful bow – look strong, breaks and pierces the user! Reflexes back when being strung, fights the bowman..
- Will not be “bent” for God’s purpose...

