

# Relentless

A Series on Hosea



# GO GET A WIFE!

- Gomer has borne 3 children:
  - “Scatter”, “No compassion”, “Not My people”
  - Picture of Israel’s unfaithfulness
  - Also, a picture of God’s intimacy
- “YET” – a promise was given
  - Sons of the living God, One Leader

# APPEAL OF GOD – CH 2

- **Brothers “Ammi”; Sisters Ruhamah**
  - Names have changed... plurals
- **“Contend with your mother”**
  - Children are called upon to see and intercede
  - **NOTE: not condemned for mother’s sin**
  - **Brings the sin into sharp focus!**
  - **They are to learn from the judgment, shame**
  - **“harlotry”, “adultery” – her job to put away**

# WARNING OF GOD

- **Nakedness = shame (3)**
  - **Inward is made outward, hidden exposed**
  - **Wilderness, desert island, thirst**
  - **Could this be a spiritual thirst, nakedness warning?**
- **Children are at risk also... (4)**
  - **If no repentance, children will follow in the sin**
  - **“children of harlotry” by choices of their own**

# WARNING OF GOD

- “For” – needful connection...
  - “mother played the harlot” –
- Pathway of pleasure/power:
  - I will go
  - Me/my – imagined possession/owned
  - lovers, bread, water, wool, flax, oil, drink
  - Things we think will fill the void...

# ROADBLOCKS OF GOD

- **The Hedge (6)**
  - Where would we be without God's walls???
  - Thorns are painful...
  - Wall of ignorance, cannot find paths
  - Kept from the "lovers"; seek but not find
- God's goal – repentance... "I will go back..."
  - Lk 15...

# YOU DO NOT KNOW

- We forget God's work in us! (8)
  - Provider of every breath!
- The things we think we got on our own...
  - Grain, wine, oil (needs)
  - Lavished silver and gold (Egypt & Solomon)
  - Used for Baal! Used for golden calves!
  - Do we ever forget the source of our stuff??
  - Rom 1...

# JUDGMENT

- **“Therefore” (9)**
  - Take back the provisions of life
  - Given over to nakedness, lewd = foul, folly
  - No rescue
  - Trees of provision destroyed – no fruit!
  - End to celebrations, religious festivals, ceremony
  - Days of the Baals, jewelry, “forgot Me”
  - If it ended here...