

Relentless

A Series on Hosea



BREAK UP THE HARD GROUND

- God's call to come back to Him
 - God never judges without redemption in mind
 - Self-delusion, missing God, hard hearts
 - We need to see the long view...
 - You will harvest what you plant today...
 - "Rain righteousness"



ADOPTION FROM GOD - CH.11

1. Always loved – since his “youth”. (1)
2. Calling love – He called, Israel ran away. (2)
3. Gentle love – caught you when you fell, carried you, healed you – taught you to walk! (3)
4. Fatherly love – “cords of a man”, led, freed, stooped, fed (4)
5. Rejected love – led not to Egypt, but Assyria!
“bent on turning from Me” no lifting up.. (5-7) ●

ADOPTION FROM GOD

6. Relentless Love – I can't walk away from you! (8)

- Admah and Zeboiim – S&G, Gen 14 allies
- “turned over” heart, Mt 9:36; Lk 15:20

7. God Love – I am not like you! (9)

- I won't act like you do!

8. Walking with THE Lion (10)

- Roar of the call; West not North?
- Settled in their homes



LIES AND WIND (11:12-12:6)

- “surrounding Me with lies”; I’m faithful!
- East wind, lies and violence (1)
- God has an issue! (2-4)
 - From the womb, wrestle with God
 - Wept, sought favor, found God... spoke with ‘us’
- The Way Out! (5-6)
 - Know my NAME, Who I am!
 - Return, wait (hope), observe: kindness, justice



LISTEN TO ME! (12:7-11)

- **I SEE what you do! (7-10)**
 - **False business dealings, “no iniquity”?**
 - **“I’m rich! Therefore I must do right!”**
 - **I will bring you back to Sukkot! (tents)**
 - **Prophets, visions, parables...**
- **I SEE past your ceremonies (11)**
 - **Worthless sacrifices, broken altars in a field**



I HAVE A PLAN! (12:12 – 13:3)

- Jacob left home to get:
 - A wife and a career! Shepherd training...
- God sent Messengers
 - Even in “Egypt” God has a message for you...
- God sees our guilt
 - Exalted yourself, molten images, “kissing cows”!
 - Dew in the morning, chaff in the wind, smoke...
 - “YET, I HAVE BEEN YOUR GOD...” (4)

