

Terrifying and Tender

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

God is TENDERLY Loving and TERRIFYINGLY Awesome

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

—A.W. Tozer, Pastor & Author

1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. 4 I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

—Hosea 11:1-4 (ESV)

God Loves, Rescues, Teaches, Helps, Heals, Leads and Feeds His People!

5 They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. 6 The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels. 7 My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all.

—Hosea 11:5-7 (ESV)

God's People Turned... Away from Him, a Blind Eye to His Involvement, Him Down, to Their Own Wisdom, and into Spoiled Brats.

8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

—Hosea 11:8-9 (ESV)

God Remains Merciful, Compassionate, Faithful, and Present with His People!

10 They shall go after the LORD; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west;

—Hosea 11:10 (ESV)

God IS Who He is. And We Must See Him AS He is.

ACKNOWLEDGE and ACCEPT His Tender Love

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

—1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

—John 15:13 (ESV)

ACKNOWLEDGE & ACCEPT His Terrifying Awesomeness

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

—Psalm 47:2 (ESV)