



HOSEA: THE SCANDALOUS LOVE OF GOD

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“Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.” THOMAS JEFFERSON

HOSEA’S BIG IDEA: Spiritual adultery _____ the heart of God, but God’s love is _____ and more _____ than our sin.

1. Hosea pictures the _____.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” 3 So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.
HOSEA 1:2-3 ESV; 3:1-5

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? ... My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. HOSEA 11:8 ESV; 12:2

2. Gomer pictures our need for God’s _____.

My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore. HOSEA 4:12 ESV; 5:13

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? JAMES 4:4 ESV

Israel’s True Character

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- Hot Oven 7:4-7
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- Silly Dove 7:11
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- False Repentance 6:1-3

3. Their children picture God’s _____.

She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.” HOSEA 1:6 ESV

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Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.” HOSEA 1:6 ESV

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 PETER 2:1