

## HOSEA – LESSON SIX

- I. ISRAEL WITH SO MUCH PROMISE WITH GOD HAS FALLEN TO THE DEPTHS WITH IDOLATRY (Chapters 9-11)**
- A. Israel rejoicing over their material prosperity will end with eating the bread of mourning in Assyria (9:1-9).
  - B. Ephraim found by God like a fresh cluster of grapes has corrupted herself through idolatry unto death (9:10-17).
  - C. Israel once a promising fruitful vine has now become a poisonous herb through calf worship and destined for destruction (10:1-8).
  - D. Israel's history of persistency in sin has taken them too far to save (10:9-15).
  - E. Ephraim like a little child was guided by a loving God and taught how to walk only to return such love with ingratitude by following dumb idols which will end with bondage in Assyria (11:1-11).
    - 1. God calls his children out of Egypt showing them love (v. 1-4).
    - 2. The "Egypt" of their bondage will be Assyria (v. 5-7).
    - 3. God's love will not give up Israel to utter destruction (v. 8-11).

### QUESTIONS:

1. What was the source of Israel's joy?
2. How will Israel return to Egypt?
3. Describe Israel's sacrifices as God sees them.
4. In what way do the days of Gibeah describe the condition in Israel during Hosea's day?
5. Describe God's feeling when he "found Israel"?
6. Why is it important to choose wisely those things we love?
7. Why will the physical setting for Israel not benefit her offspring?
8. In the face of God's goodness how had Israel responded?

9. What does 10:4-8 teach us about when shame ought to be felt?
10. What are Israel's *two transgressions*?
11. Israel trusted in what "way"?  
How can we do the same today?
12. How is 11:1 applied as being fulfilled in the New Testament?
13. Describe how God's love was manifested to Israel?  
How does sacrificing unto Baalim look now?
14. Why do we come closer to *calling upon* God rather than *exalting Him*?
15. How does God express His love for Ephraim in 11:8-9?
16. When was the passage 11:10-11 fulfilled?
17. What is another way of saying we are "*with God*"?