

Relentless Love

¹ The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel:

² When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.”

- Hosea 4:16
- Hosea 6:4
- Hosea 9:10

How God Chases Our Hearts...

► His _____.

⁵ Their mother has been unfaithful and has conceived them in disgrace. She said, ‘I will go after my lovers, who give me my food and my water . . .

⁶ Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way.

⁷ . . . Then she will say, ‘I will go back to my husband as at first, for then I was better off than now.’ (Hosea 2:5-7)

► His _____.

⁵ Israel’s arrogance testifies against them; the Israelites, even Ephraim, stumble in their sin; Judah also stumbles with them.

⁶ When they go with their flocks and herds to seek the Lord, they will not find him; he has withdrawn himself from them. (Hosea 5:5,6)

► His _____

¹The Lord said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.” ²So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. (Hosea 3:1,2)

¹“Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds.

²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. (Hosea 6:1,2)

So here we go...

³Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” (Hosea 6:3)

¹Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! ²Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips. (Hosea 14:1,2)

⁴“I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them. ⁵I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. ⁷. . . they will flourish like the grain, they will blossom like the vine—Israel’s fame will be like the wine of Lebanon. (Hosea 14:4,5,7)