

Hosea 14

This chapter holds God's last appeal to the Northern Kingdom to repent

Hosea 14.1-3

V1 – Was it still possible for the destruction to be avoided? Yes – they could still return to God

-But it was like the unpardonable sin – they did not want to repent

V2 – What did God want them to say? That they needed to be forgiven

V3 – What else? That salvation would not come from foreign allies or false gods and idols

-Why did Hosea mention the orphan here? To show the mercy of God (he would still take back the Northern Kingdom)

Hosea 14.4-7

V4 – Even now, God would take them back

-What else would he do? He would heal them and love them

V5 – God would treat them with kindness

-Example? Like dew coming on them, or a lily blooming, or cedar trees taking root

V6 – Ephraim could still recover

V7 – They could become known as a righteous nation

Hosea 14.8-9

V8 – Final message? Get rid of your idols

-God cannot tolerate idols; something has to change!

V9 – The wise person will listen (a sermon here just in v 9)

Lessons from the book of Hosea:

1. God loves us more than we can imagine
2. He will take us back, if we repent
3. It is never too late to repent
4. When we sin, it gives God great anguish

5. But finally, when there is no more hope, punishment comes
 - It came for the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 721 BC

Read 2 Kings 17 (for the biblical account of the fall of the Northern Kingdom)

Revised 2012-09-15