

Hosea 6

Hosea 6.1-3

-This is a beautiful section; it seems to be the words of Hosea on behalf of the people (as if they had repented)

V1 – **What was God willing to do?** Take Israel back (just as Hosea had taken Gomer back)

-**How did Hosea know that God would take the Northern Kingdom back?** Because Hosea took Gomer back

V2 – **Any application?** New Testament and the resurrection of Jesus on the third day

-**Remember:** Every Old Testament book has the thread of the gospel in it about the coming of Jesus Christ

-Remember the scarlet thread that Rahab let hang down from the wall of Jericho (and the Passover in the book of *Exodus*)

V3 – **What was Hosea begging the people to do?** Press on to know the Lord

-We began to see why Hosea is called the "Apostle John of the Old Testament"

-We sense the great love he had for the people who needed to repent

-Israel was a dry land; rain was very precious to them (same with us in the Midwest)

Hosea 6.4-11 (the words of God)

V4 – **Did the people listen to Hosea?** No

-The debate was going on in the mind of God

-You can hear God's heart crying out in this verse

-**What was the nation like?** Morning cloud (very superficial)

V5 – **Whom had God sent to Israel?** The prophets to pronounce punishment on the nation

-God's judgment was like lightning (bright, but destructive)

V6 – **What did God want from the people?** True faithfulness (not just outward signs of worship)

-This passage was quoted by Jesus – **Read Matt. 12.7, 1 Sam. 15.22**

V7 – But they had dealt poorly with God (like Adam)

V8 – **What was Gilead famous for?** Murder

V9 – Shechem = a city of refuge

-**What happened to people on the way to the city of refuge?** Robbed by a band of priests!

V10 – **Another sin of Ephraim?** Prostitution

V11 – A harvest is coming, and the nation will be restored

(According to some commentaries, *v 11b* should go with *Hosea 7.1*)

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