

HOSEA CALLS FOR REPENTANCE.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: **Hosea 14:4-7**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Hosea prophesied to the ten northern tribes around the year 750 B.C.
2. Little is known of Hosea's family or occupation, only that he was the son of Beerī.
3. Like most of the prophets, Hosea's message was to warn.
 - 1) Calamities were about to come upon them due to their sins (**Hosea 8:7**).
 - 2) Their only hope was repentance.

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

I. THEY WERE DESTROYED BECAUSE THEY LACKED KNOWLEDGE.

A. **Hosea 4:6**: Neglecting to study is sowing the wind.

1. Their lack of knowledge resulted in much wickedness.
 - 1) Sin would separate them from God (**Isa. 59:1-2; Micah 3:4; Lam. 3:44**).
 - 2) Many today need to seriously study God's word.
2. Many people think they know God's will, but will only accept certain parts.

B. Without knowledge of God, we stumble in darkness (**Pro. 4:19; Matt. 15:14**).

II. THEY WERE TRUSTING IN WRONG THINGS.

A. They were trusting in their idols. (**Hosea 4:17**).

1. Fashioned by man's hands (**Isa. 44:13**).
2. Jehovah can deliver (**Dan. 3:17**).

B. They turned to Assyria for help (**Hosea 5:13-15**).

1. **Hosea 7:8-10** They mixed themselves with people who devoured their strength
2. Christians "sow to the wind" when they trust in anything other than God.
3. Note **Psalm 55**.
 - 1) David was in tremendous stress at this time (**Vss. 4-8**).
 - 2) His own friends were against him (**Vss. 12-13; Psalm 41:9**).
 - 3) David turned to God (**Vss. 16-17, 22**).

III. THEY WERE GUILTY.

A. They were committing all manner of sins (**Hosea 4:1-3**).

1. All the while, they were still offering their animal sacrifices (**Hosea 9:4**).
2. The other prophets spoke of this as well (**Isa. 1:11-15**).

B. Some today, want appear godly yet their lifestyle is corrupt.

1. We need sincerity in our worship, coupled with godly living in our everyday lives (**Hosea 10:12**).
2. **Matt. 5:16**.

IV. THEY WERE CALLED TO REPENTANCE (**HOSEA 14:1-3**).

A. Hosea's work was to move them to repentance.

B. The same is true today (**Acts 17:30; Luke 13:1-5**).

1. God will abundantly pardon those who turn to him (**Acts 3:19; Isa. 55:6-7**).
2. Christ came to make forgiveness possible (**Matt. 9:13; Luke 19:10**).

VI. CONCLUSION:

A. May God help us to not be like the people in Hosea's day.

B. In spite of their wickedness, God, through Hosea, calls for repentance.