

HOSEA:
“The God who Restores Absolutely”

Hosea 14:1-9
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Question:

*Do you ever feel like things in life promise great rewards but yield disappointing results?
Not so with our Great God.*

*“When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”
(Psalm 34:17–18, ESV)*

God Loves a Brokenness in His People. (v.1-3)

❖ Brokenness demonstrates awareness that we are to blame.

- Israel’s sin has been their downfall. (v.1)
- Israel needed to reveal brokenness through their words. (v.2)
 - ✓ Seeking forgiveness may require speaking words that will hurt you to speak.
 - ✓ Achieving this level of brokenness will mean that your words may cut open your own heart.

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” (Psalm 51:17, ESV)

❖ Brokenness is an admission of our own guilt.

- Israel had to admit their faults before the God who loved them. (v.3)
- Not: “I made a mistake.” Rather, “I worshipped idols.”

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” (1 John 1:8–10, ESV)

- God is not interested in a ‘rehearsed’ apology. (cf: Hosea 6:1-3)

❖ Brokenness appeals to God’s graciousness. (The “orphan” will find mercy – v.3)

God Waits Anxiously to Restore ALL who come to Him. (v.4-9)

❖ Pride will keep a person away from repentance for personal sin.
❖ God promises restoration for all who come broken over sin.

- God would heal their hurts and love them freely...If only Israel would repent. (v.4)
- God would prosper them and bless their lives. (v.5-8)

❖ Only the wise will understand and surrender to God. (v.9)
❖ God LOVES to forgive.

“Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:10, ESV)

Conclusion:

- ❖ Re-cap: Modern idol definition is anything that takes our attention off God first.

"O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols?" (Hosea 14:8, ESV)

"I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols." (Isaiah 42:8, ESV)

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols." (1 John 5:21, ESV)

- ❖ God made us so that He might have our attention first.

- Hosea is a book about God's patience with sinners.

"A kind invitation given to sinners to repent"
-Matthew Henry on Hosea 14

- God wants to use your life to make a change for His glory in this world.

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing," (2 Corinthians 2:14–15, ESV)

Question:

How has sin robbed you of fullness in your life?

Are you ready to give it up to God yet?
