

## **“God’s Heseo in the Book of Hosea”**

In continuing to examine the depth of God’s astounding heseo for His people, we turn this morning to the Minor Prophet, Hosea. The theme of God’s loyal love for His covenant people is portrayed in the relentless commitment of Hosea to his unfaithful wife, Gomer. Hosea’s relentless devotion, coupled with the Holy Spirit’s inspired words through His prophet, open for us a window into the broken and betrayed heart of God who will not give up on His people because of His loyal heseo love.

### **Identifying Israel’s Sin (4:1-14; 5:3-4)**

1. The external, observable problem – blatant spiritual harlotry and idolatry,
2. The internal, unseen problem – a lack of true knowledge of God and His loyal love for His people.

### **Highlighting God’s Loyal, Abounding Heseo and how He expressed it.**

1. By calling Hosea to love his wayward wife, Gomer, even as she turned to a life of harlotry (1:1-11).
2. By providentially working to reconcile and restore His people to Himself in a joyous marriage (2:6-20).
3. By commanding Hosea to redeem his wayward wife from the slave market (3:1-3).
4. By reminding His people of how precious they were to Him (7:14-16; 11:1-4, 8-9; 12:9; 13:4-5, 9).
5. By calling His people to return to Him in humble repentance (5:14-15; 6:1-2; 10:12; 12:6; 14:1-6).
6. By revealing what He values most in His people (6:3-6; Matthew 9:13; 12:7).