

# Hosea 14:2-3

## *Receive Us Graciously*

### 1. Micah 6:8 – What the Lord Requires

- a. What does God require of Israel → Mic 6:7-8 (do justly, love mercy, walk humbly)
  - i. Do justly – do right, even when you are wrong - Rom 3:4
  - ii. Love mercy – to give it, and seek it from the LORD - Ps 23:6, 136
  - iii. Walk humbly – to trust and serve God, and not boast of yourself - Isa 28:1, 40:8
- b. Each of these points to the need for the LORD God, and for us to acknowledge sins.
- c. When absent, there is a need for judgment. When present, there is a need for grace.
- d. Israel condemned: Hos 4:1, Matt 23:23. Israel saved by grace: 1 Pet 5:5-6, Hos 14:2

### 2. 14:2 – Receive Us Graciously

- a. *“take with you words”* - Right words, not works of your hands, offerings, sacrifices
- b. *“turn to the LORD: say unto him”* - Belief and confession - Rom 10:8-13
- c. *“Take away all iniquity”* - This is disciples prayer Lk 11:4, and sinners prayer Lk 18:13
  - i. ‘ABC’s of Salvation’ is popular evangelism, but often fail right here - Lk 14:27
- d. *“receive us graciously”* - This is prodigal son – Lk 15:18-24, This is David – Ps 51
  - i. The LORD does for them what they could not do under the law.
- e. *“so will we render the calves of our lips”* - No sacrifice but a contrite heart: Ps 51:14-17
  - i. Hebrew sinners, turned to the LORD, asking for grace is found in Heb 4:11-16
  - ii. Faithful Israel renders sacrifices from their lips - Heb 13:14-16

### 3. 14:3-4 – I Will Love Them Freely

- a. *“Asshur shall not save us”* - Asshur (son of Shem) built Ninevah (capital of Assyria)
- b. This is Israel giving up their idolatry, and false worship of their own works / inventions.
- c. *“I will heal their backsliding”* - They slid and cannot climb out of the pit they dug.
- d. *“I will love them freely”* - This is grace, ‘freely’ next found for Israel in Rev 21:6, 22:17
  - i. Paul says we have ‘free’ grace before the kingdom – Rom 3:24, 8:32, 1 Cor 2:12
  - ii. God’s grace and love are not the mystery, but how/when he delivers it is.
- e. *“for mine anger is turned away from him”* - This is Isa 12, 35:10, 51:11-13
  - i. What assuaged wrath? What atoned? What mediates, achieves, justifies grace?
  - ii. The cross of Christ does all this (and more acc. to the mystery revealed)
  - iii. Prophecy necessitates God give grace to Israel to save them in their return.
  - iv. As a result, he’ll be able to dispense grace to all acc. to the mystery - Rom 11:32

### 4. Things We Learn About Grace

- a. Grace is what someone else does to benefit you that you do not deserve. G.R.A.C.E.
- b. God’s grace and love through faith were promised to Israel first – Hos 14:2, Eph 2:8-9
- c. God’s grace was prophesied in the Scriptures - see 1 Pet 1:10-13
- d. New Covenant is how Israel gets grace (through Christ their sacrifice) Heb 10:29, 12:28
- e. God’s grace is the means that God will use to bring Israel back (their return)
- f. Grace dispensed to all at the time after Christ, Spirit, and before Israel’s return – Eph 3:2
- g. The present dispensation of grace (church) was a mystery acc. to God’s wisdom.
- h. What differs between grace then and now? Who, how, when, (some) what, but not why.
- i. Why does God give grace? Rom 11:32, 2 Cor 3:5, Acts 20:35, Exo 34:6, Ps 86:15, 116:5
- j. Most commentaries see Hosea 14 as NT grace, but don’t discern Israel from Church