

HOSEA STUDY
Lesson Ten: "The Misplaced God"
Hosea 8:1-14

INTRODUCTION

1. SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 8: VERSE 14.
"Israel has FORGOTTEN his Maker."
2. DO WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGET GOD?
"FORGET" means "MISLAID" or "MISPLACED."
3. WE DO THIS WITH GOD.
4. WHY we need the TRUMPET BLAST to sound REVIVAL and RENEWAL.
Verse 1 "Put the trumpet to your lips!"
We need a NEW DAY.
Chapter 8 gives us a good basis for RENEWAL.
5. In this passage, we see FOUR WAYS Israel NEGLECTED, MISPLACED and eventually FORGOT God:
MISPLACED AUTHORITY
MISAPPROPRATED AUTONOMY
MISDEVOTED ADORATION
MISCALCULATED ASSURANCE

FOUR WAYS ISRAEL NEGLECTED, MISPLACED AND EVENTUALLY FORGOT GOD.

MISPLACED AUTHORITY. (Hosea 8:1-3)

1. God Makes Absolute Demands On Us.
2. We Need To Return To the Absolute Authority Of God In Our Lives and In Our Churches.
3. Verses 1-3 bring us back to the FORGOTTEN FATHER.
4. Israel Had Forgotten Her Maker by TRANSGRESSING THE COVENANT (1) and REBELLING AGAINST GOD'S LAW. (1)
5. The People Asserted They KNEW GOD (2), yet they were DEVOID OF OBEDIENCE TO HIS AUTHORITY. (3)
6. Mark 12:29-31
(Loving God is at the CENTER of GOD'S AUTHORITY OVER US.)

MISAPPROPRIATED AUTONOMY. (Hosea 8:4)

1. Notice the Progression:

"They set up KINGS without MY CONSENT; They chose PRINCES without MY APPROVAL. With their silver and gold they make IDOLS for THEMSELVES to their own destruction."
2. Israel Made a CHOICE.
3. Israel had FORGOTTEN THEIR MAKER. They had MISAPPROPRIATED GOD'S AUTHORITY and CLAIMED IT FOR THEMSELVES!
4. God will not serve as our ADVISOR while we reign on the throne of our little kingdom.

MISDEVOTED ADORATION. (Hosea 8:5-6)

1. When we MISPLACE God in our lives, our UNMET NEEDS Will DRIVE us to LESSER GODS.
2. What has REPLACED GOD for our ADORATION?
3. Verse 4 “They made IDOLS for THEMSELVES.”
(The Result: “Their own destruction”)
4. Verse 5 Their Calf-Idol was REJECTED.
6. The PROBLEM? (Verse 6) “A Craftsman made it – it was not God.”
7. God is GRIEVED over our DIVIDED LOYALTIES.
8. Either WE must break hold of our idols, or GOD must break them for us.
9. We must WANT GOD more than ANYTHING or ANYONE ELSE.

MISCALCULATED ASSUMPTIONS. (Hosea 8:7-14)

1. THE PEOPLE ASSUMED that worshipping Baal would produce good crops; that alliances with foreign powers would bring security and safety; and that they could evade the Lord’s punishment through SACRIFICES.
2. What Israel Had To Learn: “Without God, Nothing Works Right!”
3. Verse 7: They SOW the wind and READ the whirlwind.”
(Present Actions Bring Future Judgment.) (Result: Vs. 7-8)
4. Verses 9-10: METAPHORS to help us UNDERSTAND Israel’s MISGUIDED ASSUMPTIONS.
 - V. 9 “They have gone up to Assyria.” (Alliances rather than God.)
“Like a Wild Donkey.” (Did not stay with the herd.)
“Sold Herself to Lovers.” (Prostitution)
 - V. 10 “Sold themselves among the nations.” (Trust others – not God.)
5. Verses 11-13: Explain the REASON For Israel’s Punishment.

“SELF-WORSHIP”

CONCLUSION

ALL THIS BOILS DOWN TO VERSE 14: “THEY HAD FORGOTTEEN THEIR MAKER!”

1. This is the REASON for their MISPLACED AUTHORITY; the MISSAPPROPRIATED AUTONOMY; the MISDIRECTED ADORATION; and the MISCALCULATED ASSUMPTIONS.
2. When we FORGET GOD and MISPLACE OUR LOYALTY, God will use WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY TO GET OUR ATTENTION and BRING US BACK INTO A VITAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
3. The only ALTERNATIVE to God’s JUDGMENT and CORRECTION:
A HEART OF OBEDIENCE TO HIM.
4. WE MUST WALK AWAY FROM:
False Authority over Ourselves.
The Idolatry of our Accomplishments.
Our Own Works.
Our Own Unbelief.
5. WE MUST RETURN TO OBEYING GOD AND HIS AUTHORITY OVER OUR LIVES.
6. Have You MISPLACED GOD in YOUR life?