

HOSEA STUDY
Lesson Three: "Songs from the Valley"
Hosea 2:14-23

INTRODUCTION

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LIFE HAS ITS VALLEYS.

- These valleys are full of previous failures, self-condemnation, and remorse.
- These valleys block out our vision of God and the future.
- Yet these valleys are surrounded by mountain peaks of promise and hope.

THIS PASSAGE TEACHES US HOW TO SING IN THOSE VALLEYS OF LIFE.
THE SONG WE ARE TAUGHT IS HOPE.

THIS PASSAGE TALKS ABOUT SEVEN THINGS.

1. THE VALLEY OF ACHOR. (14-15)

2. OUR SONG. (16-17) (Ephesians 3:14-19)

3. OUR MARRIAGE AND COVENANT. (18)

4. OUR BASIS OF HOPE. (19-20)

5. OUR DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY. (20)

6. OUR VALLEY OF NEED. (21-22)

7. SOWING AND GROWING A PEOPLE. (23)

- God will SOW MERCY and COMMUNION with His people.
- The THREE names of Hosea's children are REVERSED:
 1. Instead of Bloodshed (Jezreel), their lives will be a place where God SOWS.
 2. Instead of No Mercy (Lo-Ruhamah), there will be MERCY.
 3. Instead of Not My People (Lo-Ammi), He will cause them to BE HIS PEOPLE.

CONCLUSION

The NEW SONG of FAITH and OBEDIENCE in the valley becomes the CHANT:
"YOU ARE MY GOD!"

- We become the good GROUND.
- We become the SEED of the kingdom.
- The SONG in our valley is ANTIPHONAL:
GOD SINGS: "YOU ARE MY PEOPLE."
WE SING: "YOU ARE MY GOD."

The VALLEY OF FAILURE becomes a DOOR OF HOPE.

And the VALLEY OF DESERTING GOD becomes the very PLACE where God RESTORES us!