

HOSEA STUDY  
Lesson Seven: "Redemption in Judgment"  
Hosea 5:1-15

INTRODUCTION

The overall THEME of Hosea 5 is REDEMPTION IN JUDGMENT.  
Hosea develops this theme by looking at four things:

1. GOD DOES NOT PLAY FAVORITES. (1-3)
2. OUR DEEDS CAN DEBILITATE US. (4-5)
3. WE MUST SEEK AND FIND. (6)
4. WE MUST BE AWARE OF OLD CONFLICTS AND DANGEROUS ALLIES. (8-15)

GOD DOES NOT PLAY FAVORITES (Hosea 5:1-3)

1. PEOPLE EVALUATE CHRIST AND CHRISTIANITY BY WHAT THEY SEE IN US.
2. WE CAN BE A SNARE FOR OTHERS.
3. OUR ACTIONS REVEAL THE INTENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

Verse 1 Threefold Summons for Judgment to Three Groups:

- (1) Priests
- (2) House of Israel
- (3) House of the King

Judgment was to come for two reasons:

- (1) Because they were a SNARE.
- (2) Because they were a NET.

4. GOD DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES. WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE LIFE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES.

Verse 2 "The REVOLTERS"

- (1) Not living what we preach.
- (2) Deeply involved in slaughter.
- (3) Know God's rebuke.

Verse 3 "I KNOW Ephraim."

God is not DECEIVED. He knows our unresponsiveness to Him!

## OUR DEEDS CAN DEBILITATE US (Hosea 5:4-5)

1. KEY PHRASES:

- (1) Their DEEDS will not allow them to turn to God. (4)
- (2) They do not KNOW the Lord. (4)
- (3) Therefore they STUMBLE. (5)

2. OUR DEEDS BECOME OUR OBSESSION. (Taking the place of God.)

3. SPIRITS OF REBELLION, SELF-INDULGENCE AND ARROGANCE.

4. I JOHN 1:5-7

- (1) Let God discover things about you in that light.
- (2) What obstacles are revealed in the light?

5. JUDE 24

- (1) God is able to PICK us up when we have stumbled.
- (2) God is able to CATCH us before we stumble.
- (3) God is able to KEEP us from stumbling.
- (4) God is able to CAUSE us to walk in the light and SEE the obstacles.

## WE MUST SEEK AND FIND (Hosea 5:6)

1. THERE COMES A TIME WHEN WE WILL SEEK FOR GOD, BUT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FIND HIM. (WHY?)

Because He has WITHDRAWN Himself from us.

2. WE MUST SEEK THE LORD WHILE IT IS STILL DAY AND HE CAN STILL BE FOUND.
3. WE CAN LOOK IN THE WRONG PLACES. THE SURE WAY TO SEEK GOD IS THROUGH HIS SON.

## WE MUST BE AWARE OF OLD CONFLICTS AND DANGEROUS ALLIES (Hosea 5:8-15)

1. THREE WARNINGS: Blow the Ram's Horn, Blow the Trumpet, Cry Aloud.
2. WHAT ARE WE TO NOTICE? (Old Conflicts and Dangerous Allies)
3. ISRAEL'S SELF-SEEKING ALLIANCES BACK FIRED.
4. OLD UNRESOLVED CONFLICTS CAN RETURN TO KEEP US FROM BEING FULLY USED OF GOD.
5. WE CAN ALIGN OURSELVES WITH WRONG THINGS, AND THE WRONG PEOPLE, AND COMPROMISE OUR STAND FOR GOD.

## 6. THE HOPE OF VERSE 15

“God would RETURN to His place.”

- A place of WAITING and WATCHING us.
- Until we ACKNOWLEDGE our offences, REPENT, and again SEEK the face of God.

HOW LONG HAS GOD BEEN WAITING FOR YOU?

IS GOD NO LONGER IN YOUR MIDST? HAS HE WITHDRAWN FROM YOU? IS HE WAITING FOR YOU TO RETURN AND SEEK FOR HIM?