

HOSEA STUDY  
Lesson Eight: "Repentance That Is Real"  
Hosea 6:1-7:3

INTRODUCTION

So much so-called "REPENTANCE" today is not real.

To REPENT means to "CHANGE DIRECTION."

1. Repentance involves RETURNING.
2. Repentance involves DOING what God wants.
3. Repentance involves DOING AWAY with our offenses.

COME, LET US RETURN TO THE LORD (Hosea 6:1-3)

1. VERSE 1 THE INVITATION: "COME."

AND DO WHAT? "RETURN to the Lord."

WHY? "FOR"

He has TORN – but He will heal.

He has STICKEN – but He will bind up.

2. VERSE 2 OUR NEED FOR RESURRECTION

"THAT" – we might LIVE in His sight.

3. VERSE 3 What we are to KNOW and PURSUE:

The KNOWLEDGE of the Lord.

If we come, God will come to us.

4. ONCE WE UNDERSTAND THE FLOW OF THESE VERSES, WE CAN LOOK AT SOME SPECIFIC THINGS.

(a) God INVITES us to COME but we must RETURN. (v. 1)

RETURN:

RETRACING our steps – going back to what we have left.

REASSOCIATING with God.

REPENTING (Changing Direction).

RECONCILING (Making It Right).

WHY DO WE NEED TO RETURN?

(b) RESURRECTION CHANGE (v. 2)

Move from DEATH to LIFE.

Romans 6:4-5

The Key that unlocks GROWTH in Christ is day-by-day DEATH and RESURRECTION.

(c) THE REASON FOR RESURRECTION

That we might LIVE in His sight.

(d) KNOWING AND PURSUING GOD (v. 3)

Our motto for daily living: "TO KNOW God."

"Replenishing Rain"

## WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS (Hosea 6: 4-6)

1. FAITHFULNESS. (4)
2. MERCY. (6)
3. KNOWLEDGE of God. (6)

## THE OFFENSES OF THE UNFAITHFUL AND UNKNOWLEDGEABLE (Hosea 6:7-7:3)

1. REVEALS what we are to LEAVE or RETURN from.
2. CONTRAST: What God desires.
3. OFFENSES against God:

DEFRAUDING or IGNORING God.

WICKEDNESS or COMPULSIVE SIN.

Dealing TREACHEROUSLY with God.

Acting in LEWD ways.

#### 4. SUMMARY OF ISRAEL'S SINS

6:1 – “Harlotry”

7:1 - “Fraud”

7:2 - “Not believing God would REMEMBER and KEEP ACCOUNT.”

#### CONCLUSION

We can act as if God is ignorant or forgetful of our deeds.

We can be spiritually and morally dead long before our pulse ceases.

WHAT WE MUST DO:

1. We must COME and RETURN to God.
2. We need RESURRECTION CHANGE from DEATH to LIFE.
3. The more we DIE to OUR CONTROL the more God can RESURRECT us to HIS CONTROL.

WHAT GOD DESIRES:

1. Our FAITHFULNESS.
2. Our MERCY.
3. Our growing KNOWLEDGE of Him.