

God's Love for Israel - Hosea 11:1-14:9

Topics: Anger, Compassion, Consequences, Disobedience, Forgiveness, God, History, Idolatry, Judgment, Justice, Love, Loyalty, People, Possessions, Power, Prophecy, Punishment, Relationships, Renewal, Repentance, Restoration, Righteousness, Sin, Unfaithfulness, Wisdom

Open It

1. What is one good way to express angry feelings?
2. What do you value most in a friendship?
- * 3. Would you prefer to be known as “loving” or “just”? Why?

Explore It

4. How did God express His love for Israel? (11:1-4)
5. Why did the nation not deserve mercy? (11:5-7)
- * 6. How did God show that He was torn between love and justice? (11:8-11)
7. What did God say in chastising His prodigal people? (11:12-13:16)
8. What lessons from history did God mention? (12:3-6, 12-13)
9. What fierce doom did Israel face? (13:1-16)
10. How could Israel avoid the fire of judgment? (14:1-3)
- * 11. What was the promise of restoration? (14:4-6)
12. How would the Lord protect and prosper His people? (14:7-8)
13. What was Hosea's concluding word of wisdom? (14:9)
- * 14. What final challenge did Hosea leave the people? (14:9)

Get It

15. In what ways did Hosea show compassion and loyalty?
16. What lessons do you find in the prophet's message?
- * 17. How has God shown fatherly love to you?
18. In what variety of ways have you responded to God's love?
19. How have past events affected your present walk with the Lord?
20. When has godly discipline been a blessing in your life?
21. What place does the Lord have in the life, ministries, and focus of your church?
22. What does facing the Lord's anger mean to you?
- * 23. Why is justice an important part of being a Christian?
24. What do you desire most from the Lord?
25. What good things happen in your life when you consistently walk in the ways of the Lord?

Apply It

26. How can you show compassion and loyalty to a troubled friend or family member this week?
- * 27. What gifts, talents, abilities, or resources can you use to show Christian love and justice toward others?