Series: Relentless Love

Title: Lessons from An Adulterous Nation

Text: Hosea Chapter 7 - 10

Lessons for Today:

All Sin is against God:

The Only Answer is Revival:

- I. All Sins are Against God: (7:1-10)
 - **A. All Sin is Against God: v.1-9** (Ps 51:4)(Ex 16:7-9)
 - **B. All Sin Begins in the Human Heart:** (Ch 7:2,6,11,14) (Ch 10:2) Divided Heart Strays from God (Prov 4:23)
 - C. God takes it personally (vs 10) (Matt 25:40,45)
 - **D. God Hates Hidden Sin: (Vs 11-16)** (Num 32:23) God Lists 8 Complaints Against Israel: (Hos 7:13-16)
 - 1. Fled from the Lord V. 13
 - a. Saw no benefit in serving God (Job 21:14-15)
 - b. Forsake God's: House Service Word
 - c. Man can not escape God (Ps 139:9-12)
 - 2. Transgressed against God V. 13
 - 3. Spoke against God V.13
 - 4. Sought not God V. 14
 - a. None ask for God (Job 35:9-12)
 - b. All Talk, No Do (Is 29:13)
 - c. Illustrated in Jer 42:1-6 & 43:1-2

- 5. Assemble for wrong purpose V.14
 - a. Sought the physical and material
 - b. Sought to fulfill own lust (James 4:3)
 - c. Sought To satisfy self (Rom 16:18)
- 6. Rebelled against God V.14
 - a. Resisted God's Authority (Jer. 13:10)
 - b. Pharaoh (Ex 5:2)
 - c. Days of Christ (Luke 19:14)
 - d. Even today (Rom 13:1-2)
- 7. Devised Mischief V. 15
 - a. Always Entertaining Our Flesh: (Ecc 7:29)
 - b. No Interest in the Ways of God (Isaiah 55:8,9)
- 8. <u>Returned from their Sin, but back not to God</u> V. 16 (Hos 11:7)(Rom 2:4)
 - d. Repentance is the only escape

(Hos 12:6) "Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually."

We lose our freedom to choose to Sin.

The consequences of our choices are inevitable, Inescapable, Incalculable, and up to God.

God balances guilt with blame.

Accept the blame for your actions & God will remove the guilt.

RECAP: All Sin is against God: God Takes it Personally: Therefore: If God Is Against So must I be against it.

If God is For It, So must I be For It.

E. You Reap What You Sow: (8:1-10:15)

It is Payday Someday!

1. Israel Will Reap the Whirlwind (8:1-14)

Destruction is threatened both to Israel and Judah for their impiety and idolatry.

The Prophet Announces Imminent Judgment

- 1. Why judgment lingers, v. 1-4
- 2. Israel Will Reap the Harvest of their Sin v.7-8, 14
- 3. Explain Sowing & Reaping: (Gal 6:7-9)

Reap WHAT you Sow

Reap LATER than you Sow

Reap MORE than you Sow

(Hos 8:14) Isreal has forgotten that God is the Offended Party.

All of Our Sin Is Directly Against God Himself.

"Well I don't see it that way" - God Does!

B. Israel's Punishment (9:1-17)

1. Israel's Corruption will result in exile: (9:1-9)

(vs 7) It's Time to Pay Up!

(Vs 9) "He will visit their sins"

RECAP: All Sin is against God:

God Takes it Personally:

God hates Hidden Sin

You Reap What You Sow:

2. Israel's Corruption Will leave them Destitute: destines her to dispersion among

the Gentile: (9:10-14)

Ephraim, Judah, & Israel Prosperity will fade: (Vs 11a)

They will not be having an abundance of children (Vs 11b)

Their current children will die young: (Vs 12)

Their Pregnancies will end in Miscarriage: (Vs 14, 16b)

Our sinful habits do hurt those who follow us.

3. Israel's Corruption leads to her dispersion among the Gentile: (9:15-17)

Driven from he Temple: (Vs 15b)

Fruitless (Vs 16a)

Ephraim, Judah, & Israel are to be cast from God (vs 17)

RECAP: All Sin is against God:

God Takes it Personally:

God hates Hidden Sin

You Reap What You Sow:

II. The Only Answer to Sin is Revival: (Ch 10:12-15)

C. Retribution for Israel's Sin (10:1-15) Israel is reproved and threatened for their impiety and idolatry, and exhorted to repentance.

- 1. Israel's Prosperity Corrupted her: (10:1-8)
- 2. Israel's Corruption led to Judgment: (Ch 10:9-11)
- 3. The call to repentance, (Ch 10:12-15)
 - a. Stop accumulating Judgment: (Hos 12:6)
 - b. The only way to Restore Blessing: (Hos 10:12)
 - i. Reap WHAT you Sow (Gal 6:7)
 - ii. Reap MOREthan you Sow: (Gal 6:8)
 - iii. Reap LATER than you Sow: (Gal 6:9)