

**Series: Relentless Love**

**Title: The Lord's Personal Love**

**Text: (Hosea 14)**

**The Future Restoration of Israel Upon Her Repentance**  
(14:1-9)

Hosea Magnifies the faithful love of God, in contrast to the unfaithfulness of God's people.

**I. A Call to Revival: (14:1-3) Now!**

A. Reason of Their Fall: (Vs 1)

1. Their own iniquity.

B. The Urgency of their Call: A Call to Repentance

1. To Return. (Vs 1)

- a. B/c they went their own way.
- b. B/c they went in their own strength.
- c. B/c they went in their own wisdom.

2. To Pray (Vs 2)

- (a) By deed, & not word only
- (b) (James 1:22; Ps. 78:35; Is: 29:13)

3. To Praise: (Vs 2c)

- (a) Not sacrifices but calves of lips. (Heb 13:15)

4. Confession that their Schemes won't work: (Vs 3)

- (a). Israel will renounce 3 besetting sins.
  - a. Trust in Assyria.
  - b. Cavalry of Egypt.
  - c. Idolatry.

**II. A Promise of Restoration: (14:4-9) Today!**

A. A Promise To heal their backsliding: (Vs 4)

1. God can heal the most desperate sinfulness.  
A Promise of God's Blessing

B. To love them freely. (Vs 4)

1. True love (1 Jn 4:10)
2. This brings Justification. (Rom 3:24)

C. To be as dew: (vs 5-6)

1. Results to be blessed as a lily. (Matt 5:28-29)
2. Shall be rooted in the things of God.
3. Beautiful:

D. The return & blessings: (Vs 7)

1. Israel to increase as corn. (John 12:24)
2. Israel to be grafted back in Roll: (Jn 12:23-25)

**III. The Millennial Response (Vs 8-9) Future!**

A. Ephraim will Confess their Sin: (Vs 8)

1. In Millennium, they will totally repudiate idolatry.
2. Israel will openly admit they have finally heard the word of their God and beheld His glory.  
(Previously Ignored for Personal Gain)
3. Therefore, they will prosper like a vibrant fir tree.
4. The fruit of God will be found in them.
  - a). The fruit of the Righteous: (Prov 11:30)
  - b). The fruit of the Spirit: (Gal 5:22-23)
  - c). The fruit of righteousness: (Phil 1:11)
  - d). Israel in that day will bring forth fruit to God.

B. Book concludes with rhetorical questions. (Vs 9)

1. The wise and prudent will understand:
2. sense of 'upright' or 'straight':
3. The righteous will walk in the upright ways of God:
  - a). Christ the foundation stone to some: (1 Pet 2:6)
  - b). A stone of stumbling of offense: (1 Pet 2:8)  
Quoting: (Is 8:14)
  - c). Future glorious event will take place