



Lesson Eight: Recoiling in Mercy (Part 1)

Hosea 11:1-7

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- ¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
- ² The more they were called,
the more they went away;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning offerings to idols.
- ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up by their arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.
- ⁴ I led them with cords of kindness,
with the bands of love,
and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.
- ⁵ They shall not return to the land of Egypt,
but Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
- ⁶ The sword shall rage against their cities,
consume the bars of their gates,
and devour them because of their own counsels.
- ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me,
and though they call out to the Most High,
he shall not raise them up at all.



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Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the reality that throughout the whole book, the call is to repent & what does this say about God?
2. Discuss the tension between God being BOTH merciful & just
3. In what ways do we actually look at our idols with affection? What are the lies we believe about God that drive this?
4. Discuss the imagery of vv. 3-4
5. We won't fully address it till next week, but -what causes God's heart to recoil in mercy?