



Lesson Three: Faithfulness for the Unfaithful

Hosea 2:1-13

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²Say to your brothers, “You are my people,” and to your sisters, “You have received mercy.” “Plead with your mother, plead for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts;³ lest I strip her naked and make her as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and make her like a parched land, and kill her with thirst.⁴ Upon her children also I will have no mercy, because they are children of whoredom.⁵ For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’⁶ Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths.⁷ She shall pursue her lovers, but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, ‘I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.’⁸ And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal.⁹ Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season, and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness.¹⁰ Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of my hand.¹¹ And I will put an end to all her mirth, her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts.¹² And I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, ‘These are my wages, which my lovers have given me.’ I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall devour them.¹³ And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the LORD.



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Discussion Questions:

1. What does faith have to do with faithfulness?
2. Read Hosea 2:5. How is the graphic imagery of Hosea's wife a picture of our sin against God?
3. What is idolatry? What idols tempt you the most?
4. Read Romans 1:18-23. According to the Apostle Paul, why are we so prone to idolatry?
5. In what way are our idols unfaithful to us?
6. How is God's judgment related to His faithfulness?
7. What does the judgment of God have to do with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?