



Lesson Eight: Exposed
Hosea 6:1-7:16
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¹“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. ⁷But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me. ⁸Gilead is a city of evildoers, tracked with blood. ⁹As robbers lie in wait for a man, so the priests band together; they murder on the way to Shechem; they commit villainy. ¹⁰In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing; Ephraim's whoredom is there; Israel is defiled. ¹¹For you also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed. When I restore the fortunes of my people, **7** when I would heal Israel, the iniquity of Ephraim is revealed, and the evil deeds of Samaria, for they deal falsely; the thief breaks in, and the bandits raid outside. ²But they do not consider that I remember all their evil. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face. ³By their evil they make the king glad, and the princes by their treachery. ⁴They are all adulterers; they are like a heated oven whose baker ceases to stir the fire, from the kneading of the dough until it is leavened. ⁵On the day of our king, the princes became sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with mockers. ⁶For with hearts like an oven they approach their intrigue; all night their anger smolders; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire. ⁷All of them are hot as an oven, and they devour their rulers. All their kings have fallen, and none of them calls upon me. ⁸Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. ⁹Strangers devour his strength, and he knows it not; gray hairs are sprinkled upon him, and he knows it not. ¹⁰The pride of Israel testifies to his face, yet they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him, for all this. ¹¹Ephraim is like a dove, silly and without sense, calling to Egypt, going to Assyria. ¹²As they go, I will spread over them my net; I will bring them down like birds of the heavens; I will discipline them according to the report made to their congregation. ¹³Woe to them, for they have strayed from me! Destruction to them, for they have rebelled against me! I would redeem them, but they speak lies against me. ¹⁴They do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds; for grain and wine they gash themselves; they rebel against me. ¹⁵Although I trained and strengthened their arms, yet they devise evil against me. ¹⁶They return, but not upward, they are like a treacherous bow; their princes shall fall by the sword because of the insolence of their tongue. This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.



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Discussion Questions:

1. Talk through the 7 metaphors that expose what Israel is like
2. Why do we not like being exposed?
3. Are hope of reward & fear of punishment valid motivations to obey God? Why/Why not?
4. Discuss how sin never just affects us personally – It also extents socially
5. How do we stop loving our sin? What is the greater love we need?

- Please don't forget to sign-up for the Golf Scramble

