

Hosea 11 & 12

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“God raises a son (Israel) as His own!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. Pray for Dave & Sue Broadman – Adoption (Kasanya)
- 1.2. We have in our text tonight “an adoption”. A Father adopts a son!

2. **THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD! (11:1-4)**

- 2.1. **THE ADOPTIVE PARENT!** (1,2)
- 2.2. **Out of Egypt I called my Son** – Mt.2:14,15 “When he (Joseph) arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.””
 - 2.2.1. But here it is speaking about Israel.
 - 2.2.2. 1st God frees us from bondage!
 - 2.2.3. Pre-Christ we are like Alexander the Great, who **conquered the world around him** but couldn’t **conquer himself**.
 - 2.2.4. Romans 8:15 “For you did not receive the spirit of **bondage** again to fear, but you received the Spirit of **adoption** by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”
 - 2.2.4.1. “**Praise** is the language of sinners set free!”
- 2.3. **THE TENDER FATHER!** (3-4)
 - 2.3.1. In love He **delivered** a child from Egypt, **carried** him, **fed** him, & **taught** him to **walk & work**;...& that child abandoned Him for idols. What ingratitude! (www)
 - 2.3.2. (NIV) “**But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they **burned incense** to images.**”
 - 2.3.3. **Show picture:** Ceramic incense burners found in the Philistine city of Qasile, Is.
- 2.4. (4) A considerate master lifts the yoke from the neck of the beast that he might eat more comfortably.
- 2.5. If we obey not the **gentile drawings** of His **love**, he will send **affliction** to drive us into closer intimacy w/Himself! (see next section)
 - 2.5.1. What foolish children we are to refuse those bands of love, & so bring upon our backs that scourge of small cords,...which Jesus knows how to use! (Spurgeon)
- 2.6. **Also See the Motherhood of God!** (Is.66:12,13)

- 2.7. **THE REBELLIOUS SON!** (5-9)
- 2.8. (7) Billy Graham's daughter Gigi said, “The only thing that parents can take to heaven is their children.”
- 2.8.1. But this was quoted by John Maxwell in “What Children Owe Their Parents”. - Truly Israel owed God...big time!
- 2.9. (8) **Admah & Zeboim** were cities destroyed w/Sodom & Gomorrah. They may have been located under what is now the southern part of the Dead Sea.
- 2.9.1. According to Jewish law, a rebellious son was supposed to be turned over to the elders of the city to be stoned! (Deut.21:18-21)
- 2.9.2. Deut.29:23 “The whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, **Admah**, and **Zeboim**, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.”
- 2.9.3. God could not stand to treat Israel, the people He loved, like He had treated Admah & Zeboim, even though Israel’s behavior resembled theirs.
- 2.9.4. Here we have God’s Holy Dilemma!
- 2.9.4.1. A struggle between what Yahweh **ought** to do because of his **righteousness**; & what He **cannot** do because of His **love**!
- 2.9.5. Hear Gods heart for the backslidden! (8b)
- 2.9.5.1. **Churned/overtured** is the same word used in Gen.19:25 “So He **overthrew** those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities.”.
- 2.10. (9) **The Holy One in your midst** – They were sinning against a **flood** of light!
- 2.10.1. **Q:** When you & I sin today...how much “light” are we sinning against? (compare to people groups w/o the word of God)
- 2.10.2. **Q:** What light source would you compare it to?
- 2.11. **FUTURE RESTORATION!** (10,11)
- 2.11.1. This **roar** was a good roar!
- 2.11.2. **Play Track 4 & 6** in “The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe”.
- 2.11.2.1. **Explain** – 4 children step into another time & place, thru a wardrobe closet, to Narnia. [Tract 4] The white witch reminds Aslan of the price that must be paid. [Tract 5] Aslan sets out to pay the price. The 2 girls follow. Explain the killing(tied, mocked “shave him”, placed on the stone) [Tract 6]

- 2.12. **THE FATHERS ANGER!** (11:12; 12:1-6)
- 2.13. (1) Whoever saw sheep ignore the green grass & start **grazing on the wind?**...Yet, that's how God's people were living!
- 2.13.1. The wind has no nourishment! – **Q:** Are you knowingly feeding on anything that isn't spiritually beneficial?
- 2.13.1.1. Set down the cotton candy & sit down at the Lord's banqueting feast!
- 2.13.1.2. Quit chasing the wind! – **You're feeding on wind...& it's all hot air!**
- 2.14. (2) Jacob(the builder of the 12 tribes)is an illustration of God's loving discipline.
- 2.14.1. Hosea now sites a few key events in Jacob's life.
- 2.14.2. **Jacob** tried to trip up Esau at birth; he fought w/God; but he returned to Bethel(where he originally 1st met the Lord) & found God's blessing again.
- 2.14.3. The time had come for **Israel** to return to God & repent of their sins.
- 2.15. **FOOLED INTO FALSE SECURITY!** (7-14)
- 2.16. (7) **Show picture:** Duck-shaped standardized stone weights from Mesopotamia, 11th-8th century B.C. The weights would be placed on one side of a balance, and the item to be weighed on the other.
- 2.17. (8) What an empty boast!...*it sounds like a Laodicean boast.*
- 2.17.1. Rev.3:17 **"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'; and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked;"**
- 2.17.2. Trusting in their wealth, the proud Israelites disregarded God.
- 2.18. (12b) **Laban required all the sheep at Jacob's hand.**
- 2.18.1. If they torn a beast Jacob must make it good; if any of them died, he must stand as surety for the whole.
- 2.18.1.1. **"These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock. That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night."**

2.18.2. Was not Jesus' toil for His church the same? Brining every one safe to the hand of Him who had committed them to his charge?

2.18.2.1. **Jn.6:39** "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day."

2.18.3. When we see Jacob & we see Jesus we read, "He shall **feed** his flock like a shepherd; He will **gather** the lambs with His arm, And **carry them** in His bosom, And **gently lead** those who are with young."

2.19. **Communion:**

2.19.1. **Bread** - Hos.11:4 "I **stooped & fed them**". (NIV - bent down to feed them)

2.19.2. Another time God **stooped** down...dealt w/forgiveness (woman caught in adultery) "But Jesus **stooped** down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear." John 8:6

2.19.3. "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

2.19.4. **The Cup** – Let's let our minds "graze" on the grass that IS greener on His side!