

Title: Put Away Your Harlotry Part 2

Text: Hosea 2:2-5

Main Idea: The ungodly refuse to repent.

Division Statements:

Note: Repentance is a gift from God (Acts 11:18). It runs wholly counter to the natural man (Rom. 3:10-18), who loves his sin far more than God or His truth (John 3:19). Why is it that the ungodly refuse to repent:

1. Their sin is their intimate love (vv. 2, 5).

“...from between her breasts” (v. 2); “I will go after my lovers,” (v. 5). Compare this with John 3:19. The phrase “from between her breasts” speaks of familiar intimacy and closeness.

2. Their sin is the perceived source of their satisfaction (v. 5).

“...who give me my bread and my water...” It satisfies their natural appetites and the cravings of the sin nature (See Phil. 3:18-19).

3. Their sin is the perceived source of their peace and comfort (v. 5).

“...my wool and my linen...” It covers they providing basic warmth and ease. It is as natural as a pair of old broken in shoes.

4. Their sin is the perceived source of their joy (v. 5).

“...my oil and my drink.” Both are common symbols of joy in the Bible.

All that sin seems to be, however, is a fraud - a cheap imitation, a broken cistern compared to the true “fountain of living waters” (Jeremiah 2:13). The perceptions of the ungodly are false and they are deceived. For true satisfaction, peace, comfort and joy can only be found in the one true and living God (e.g. Ps. 16:11; Is. 55:1-3).

Bridging From Text To Sermon

Textual Idea: Hosea reveals the reasoning of the ungodly in Israel, why they rebel against God.

Sermon Proposition: The ungodly refuse to repent.

Interrogative: Why do the ungodly refuse to repent.

Transition: The text reveals four reasons why the ungodly refuse to hear God and turn from their sin.

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