

God's Judgment

Hosea 4:1-19

1. There is a relationship between the unfaithful, disobedient, idol-worshiping LEADERS of Israel of Hosea's time and how today's secular church leaders walk away from the truth of the Word and seek to please society above God.
2. Hosea, the prosecutor, makes three CHARGES against the nation of Israel. First, there is no faithfulness. Second, there is no devotion to or steadfast love of God. Third, there is no knowledge of God.
3. *"You were DEAD in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience."* Ephesians 2:1-2
4. God desires a natural outpouring of worship from the hearts of the people whom he has saved. He has NO desire for compulsory acts of sacrifice or meaningless rituals.
5. *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other GODS before me."* Exodus 20:2-3
6. Throughout history women and children have SUFFERED when men have failed to stand strong for the glory of God.
7. Throughout history we observe God's WRATH being poured out on the nations and sometimes we observe God giving people and nations over to their sinful desires and shameful lusts which leads them to their own destruction.
8. *"If my people who are called by my names HUMBLE themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14
9. *"Though you play the whore, O Israel, let not Judah become GUILTY. Enter not into Gilgal, nor go up to Beth-Aven, and swear not, 'As the LORD lives'".* Hosea 4:15
10. This is the WARNING Hosea gives us today: We live in a declining, pleasure-seeking culture. Sin can be observed at every level of our society. God has called us to live holy lives and to worship him alone.