

## ***LESSON 6 - Hosea 10***





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 One thing that impacted my heart the most from this teaching was:

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**Day 1** *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

**Step 1 God's Word**- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

**Hosea 10:1-4**

**Step 2 Comprehend the Word**- What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Connect It To You** - What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts**- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Call to Action**- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Digging Deeper***

God blessed Israel with abundant fruit, which means material abundance; but because of their divided heart they lavished it on themselves and their idolatrous desires. A divided heart is a deceitful heart. Israel enjoyed the blessing of God, but did not acknowledge His goodness to them nor did they use their God given abundance for His glory; instead they used those blessings in ungodly ways. Wealth is not a bad thing, what we do with the abundance and how we let the Spirit guide us is what's important.

Under the judgment of God, Israel's once-busy pagan altars would now be overgrown with thorns and thistles. This is the result of Israel's rejection of the LORD and their passion toward idolatry.

Maybe some realized now, how good they had it when God wanted their affection, He wanted to be their King, but they rejected Him long ago. Israel wanted to be like the other pagan nations, and we see it was the beginning of the deceitful lie they took into their hearts. (1 Samuel 8:6-8)

1. What did Israel do when their fruit increased?
2. Read Matthew 19:16-22. What was really the heart issue of this young man?
3. What truth does Jesus impart to us in Matthew 6:24 and Luke 16:13
4. Who will demolish the altars of idolatry?
5. What idol in your life needs to be demolished? Are you ready to give it over to the Lord today?

**Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.**

**Step 1 God's Word-** Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

**Hosea 10:5-8**

**Step 2 Comprehend the Word-** What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Connect It To You -** What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts-** Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Call to Action-** How will I respond and what will I do differently?

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Digging Deeper***

Isn't it strange the people feared for the safety of this calf-idol of Beth-Aven? If this 'god' was so strong and amazing, what were they worried about? Wouldn't this god be able to take care of the people who worshipped it? We know the answer is "of course not!!". False gods/ idols are made by man and lifted up to a status level of god. Instead of loving the Eternal, Almighty God who saved them so many times, Israel mourned over the loss of a golden calf. What a sad state the people allowed themselves to get into this behavior, however is not limited to this period of time is it? Look at our society today. People value their homes, cars or wealth as if it were a god, and in a sense- it is a god to them. They might believe they have attained all these things because they are so great; everything they have is because of what they did. Ah! the age old problem of pride, yes the enemy of our soul has some people very deceived.

1. What does Beth-Aven mean?
  
2. What will happen to the calf-idol and how will Ephraim feel? (v6)
  
3. What do these prophets say about idols?
  - a. David: Psalm 115:4-8
  
  - b. Isaiah: Isaiah 44:9,10
  
  - c. Ezekiel: Ezekiel 14:2-6
  
4. Explain what verse 7b means? (If needed you can use one of the website resources listed in the back of this study)
  
5. What will the people say to the mountains? (v8b)
  
6. Using your concordance or cross reference, list where else in the Bible will you find a similar phrase and what the circumstances are? (Hint: It's in two locations of the New Testament)

**Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.**

**Step 1 God's Word**- Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

**Hosea 10:9-12**

**Step 2 Comprehend the Word**- What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Connect It To You** - What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts**- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Call to Action**- How will I respond and what will I do differently?



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### ***Digging Deeper***

Gibeah is a reminder of cruelty and sensuality (Book of Judges) and a reminder of rebellion (1 Samuel 15). To learn more about “the day’s of Gibeah” you can read Judges 19-20.

We make life so hard when we fight against God and His plans. Sometimes we are like a farm animal kicking against God’s leading. God is patient and will take the unruly and stubborn heart and help us see the err of our ways. Sometimes that means breaking up the hard ground of our heart, tilling up weeds of compromise and deep roots of idolatry that have taken control of us.

1. Who in the New Testament fought against God? Read Acts 9:1-6, 17- 20 and summarize that event in his life.
2. If you want to reap in mercy and unfailing love what must you do? (v12)
3. What is it time for us to do and for how long? (v12)
4. **Personal insight:** What else did you learn from today’s passage that was not mentioned?

**Day 4 Pray for Missionaries**

**Step 1 God's Word-** Read the passage given below from your Bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it below.

**Hosea 10:13-15**

**Step 2 Comprehend the Word-** What does the verse mean?

**Step 3 Connect It To You -** What does the verse mean to me?

**Step 4 Cross Thoughts-** Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

**Step 5 Call to Action-** How will I respond and what will I do differently?

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Digging Deeper***

The Lord is saying to Israel that because he has trusted in his own ways, they reaped evil; because they depended on their own strength, not God's strength, the roar of battle would rise against them. Pride and want set into their heart and they have eaten the fruit of deception to their fill, and now ruin was on its way. Matthew Henry (English Bible commentator from the 1700's) reminds us "if we sow in righteousness, we shall reap according to mercy; a reward not of debt, but of grace."

Not much is known or written about King Shalman (v14), but it is obvious the people of Hosea's time knew about this man and the horrible destruction at Beth Arbel. Some scholars believe it could also be a reference to the Assyrian Emperor Shalmaneser.

1. What wisdom does King David write in Psalm 33:16?
2. What will be the result of this battle? (v14)
3. When that day dawns, meaning from the start, who will be one of the first to be destroyed? (v15)
4. **Personal insight:** What else did you learn from today's passage that was not mentioned?

**Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group****Read Hosea 10 to complete today's homework**

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method. "S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

**Scripture:** What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

**Observation:** What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

**Application:** What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

**Prayer:** Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.