


LESSON 8 - Hosea 13 & 14



“The wise man will see the message throughout the Book of Hosea. He will understand that in His mercy, God offers a wonderful opportunity for repentance and restoration, and it is dangerous and foolish to neglect that invitation.”⁸

Teaching Notes

Date: _____

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

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 13:1-8

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

"They were filled and their heart was exalted; therefore they forgot Me" (v6). Isn't it strange that when times are tough in life we seek God for answers, provision, comfort; but it seems when we are prospering and doing well, are healthy and have money in the bank, when everything is 'right' with *our* world we can suddenly leave God out of our life. We forget He is the one who blesses us. Israel had once been great but they had lost their authority during this time. Interesting to look at the United States; at one time we seemed to be that 'super' power, but we aren't viewed like that anymore.

1. How do you personally acknowledge all you have is from the good hand of God?

2. To what extent had the people fallen in their pagan worship? (v2)

3. What will the men of Ephraim be like? (v3)

4. How did God provide for Israel and how did they respond? (v4-6)

5. **Personal insight:** What else did you learn from today's passage that was not mentioned?

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 13:9-16

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.

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Digging Deeper

Hosea makes reference in verse 11 to the time in Israel's history when they, sadly, desired to have a human king rule over them. (1 Samuel 8). They had God, the creator of all things, including those nations and people, as their King; but that was not enough for them. Evil kings through the history of Israel led them into deeper idolatry, and we can look at our own country and see the slipping of morality in our nation. We do not have the godly leadership our country once experienced as a nation founded on Godly principles. As a child of God it's hard to watch the shift in people's attitudes and morality. No one fears God and many are out to gain only for themselves. God comforted the heart of the prophet Samuel by reminding him that the people were not rejecting him (Samuel) personally, but that they in fact were rejecting Him. Jesus reminds us in John 15 that the world will hate us who believe and stand for morality. They reject His Lordship and salvation, but we are to remember that they hated Him first (John 15:18).

1. Who is Israel really warring against and who were they apparently relying on?

2. Read 1 Samuel 8:5, 9-20. What warning did Samuel give Israel regarding human kings?

3. How have you or how do you war against God?

4. Read Psalm 71, Psalm 111 and Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, 1 Peter 1:18-20 and Revelation 5:9-10 and write a prayer of thanks for His grace.

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 14: 1-7

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

The story of redemption is not a New Testament idea. God, from the beginning, offered hope and salvation to all who would trust in Him and believe. Just like Israel could ask for forgiveness and pray (v2), we can pray Hosea's prayer or any prayer of repentance and know our sins are forgiven. God said He would 'heal' their waywardness; how exciting and precious that God wants us to be whole and white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). He promised in Joel 2 that He will restore to you the years the swarming locust has eaten, He makes all things new again! God is so good!

1. Read verse 2 then read Hebrews 13:15. What are Christians to offer?
2. What would God do if Israel did as Hosea asked? (v4)
3. Read Ephesians 1:6. What has God done for us?
4. Describe the change Israel would experience if they turned to God? (v5-7)
5. What changed for you when you surrendered to Jesus? Be specific.

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 14: 8-9

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

In closing this study, more appropriate words could not have been written than what the writers of the Life Application Bible wrote -

“Hosea closes with an appeal to listen, learn and benefit from God’s word. To those receiving the Lord’s message through Hosea, this meant the difference between life and death. For you, the reader of the book of Hosea, the choice is similar; either listen to the book’s message and follow God’s ways or refuse to walk along the Lord’s path. But people who insist on following their own direction without God’s guidance are “like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble””

1. Who realizes the things of God and who understands them? (v9)

2. What is right? (v9)

3. What happens to the rebellious when it comes to the ways of the Lord?

4. Who can you share this message of hope with today or this week?
Will you take the next step to accomplish that, because someone may need to hear about Jesus today.

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group**Read Hosea 13 or 14 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.

Additional Resources

WEBSITES

1. www.blueletterBible.org Very useful Bible study. Contains several Commentaries; Audio/Video (one of my favorite parts!); Images and Maps. Be sure to go to the Help/FAQs link for more information.
2. Another helpful website is www.Biblegateway.com
3. To listen to any of the teachings from this study or download a PDF copy of the lesson, go to Women's Ministry link at www.refugefamily.com

BOOKS

A good library is always helpful in studying God's Word. Books serve only to aid in understanding things like history or customs of the time; commentaries by great Pastors can shed light on some difficult passages.

As disciples of Jesus, we need to rely first and foremost on the Bible and the Holy Spirit.

The following is a list of suggested books for your library, but not **required**.

- ❖ A good study Bible, The Open Bible, with a biblical Cyclopedic Index (is a good choice.)
Note: Thomas Nelson Bibles will be releasing a Cyclopedic Index Book in June 2010.
- ❖ Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words
- ❖ Hard Sayings of the Bible- Kaiser, Davids, Bruce, Brauch- IVP Publishing
- ❖ Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- ❖ Nelson's Illustrated Bible Commentary
- ❖ The New- Manners and Customs of Bible Times (Gower; Moody Press)
- ❖ Any commentary by Chuck Smith, Jon Courson, Warren Wiersbe, J. Vernon McGee or your favorite pastor/ teacher.
- ❖ Webster's Dictionary

**Amazon.com has some great prices and offer new and used books and www.christianbooks.com has great weekly sales.

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Endnotes

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