

Sermon Notes

The Downward Spiral of a Country Ignoring the Lord

Hosea 6:7-7:7

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

6:7-11a The Israelites were ignoring their relationship with the Lord, cheating on Him, doing shockingly immoral things.

Rather than just thinking of our Christianity as a code of conduct, a list of rules to obey, we should think of it as a relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ, where we demonstrate our love for Him by following His ways.

If the people who claim to have a relationship with Christ are living more and more wickedly, what hope is there that the population as a whole is going to turn to living morally?

We won't live perfect lives, but we can live out of love for the Lord.

6:11b-7:7 Exposing the wickedness of Israel

The government leaders were celebrating the people's wickedness.

The people and the government leaders were wicked. They were all adulterers, because they were being unfaithful to their supposed-to-be-relationship with the Lord.

The people were angry with the government leaders. The government leaders were ignoring their responsibilities and the people's anger.

None of them were calling on the Lord, for direction, for help.

Three parts of turning things around:

- 1) We, individually, need to get ourselves right with the Lord.
- 2) We need to not be part of the political fighting.
- 3) We need to call upon the Lord.
 - For direction in our own lives, so we go the right way
 - For direction for our country
 - Pray for our government leaders that they would look for the Lord's direction and help

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.