

SERMON NOTES

What God Wants ... Is Us!

Hosea 6:1–6 | Matt Green | March 7, 2021

A Model Prayer of Turning to the Lord (6:1–3)

- Hosea urges Israel to respond to the Lord in two ways:
 - They are to repent and turn to the Lord
 - They must turn from their evil ways
 - They must turn toward God
 - They are to press hard to know the Lord
- Hosea includes himself in the call to return to the Lord
- The Lord will favorably respond when Israel turns to Him
 - The Lord will restore what He has inflicted
 - The Lord's response is assured
- The Lord will “raise us up on the third day”
 - This indicates He will respond quickly
 - This can also be applied to Jesus' resurrection
 - Jesus' resurrection assures those who trust Him will be raised

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The Lord's Sadness and Exasperation with Israel (6:4–6)

- Israel has not responded to the Lord
 - Their love is fickle
 - The Lord laments His people's lack of love for Him
- The Lord has tried repeatedly, dramatically to get Israel's attention
 - He has shown them their evil and promised dire consequences through the prophets
 - The people needed to be faced with the ugliness of their ways, so they would hopefully return to the Lord
- What God really wants is the faithful love of His people
 - Religious activity in and of itself is of no value
 - Sacrifice has value because it restores people's relationship with God
 - Christ is the perfect, final sacrifice, and restores anyone who trusts in Christ to right relationship with God
 - What we do for God has value if done in relationship with Him, to please Him

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