

Sermon Notes

Turn Back to the Lord, before It's Too Late

Hosea 7:8-16

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

7:8-10 Israel mixed with the pagan cultures around them, and had not returned to the Lord.

Christians have to live among an ungodly culture, so we need to be extra cautious not to mix the the culture's ways of life into our ways of life. We are to be different in godly ways.

If any of us is part into behaving like the culture, we should turn.

We are less useful to the Lord when we are giving ourselves to sin.
(Ref.: 2 Timothy 2:20-21)

When someone is being shown their sin, the ideal response is repentance. That is to turn from sin, to turn from going the wrong way, and turn to the Lord and His ways.

7:11-14 The very thing that Israel was going to, one of their sins, would deliver their discipline and their destruction.

The Lord would redeem (set free) them, but they speak lies against Him.

The Israelites were feeling the consequences from the lives of sin they were living; they were crying on their beds. But they would not cry out to the Lord in confession and repentance. If they would have done that, the Lord would have set them free.

They wanted blessings from the Lord, without commitment to the Lord and His ways.

7:15-16 Israel was an unbeatable army when they were depending on the Lord. But when they needed protection, instead of turning to the Lord, they turned to foreign countries.

They spoke angry words about the Lord, but they had no right. The bad stuff happening to them was because of their own sin.

If you are ever tangled up in sin, going down a path away from the Lord, repent - turn from that way, to the Lord.

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