

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Hosea 1:2

"When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, He said to him, "Go and marry a promiscuous woman, so some of her children will be born to your from other men. This will illustrate the way My people have been untrue to Me, openly committing adultery against the LORD by worshipping other gods." Hosea 1:2 NLT

Hosea may be one of the most poignant writings of Scripture. To observe the prophet's love for Gomer and the deep pain she causes him quickly gains our attention and touches our sensitivities.

As Nathan the prophet discussed with King David the poor family whose little pet lamb is stolen by the rich man for his dinner; and as David's anger rose to execute judgment, he soon discovered the LORD had laid a prophetic trap for him and that his anger was misdirected – for he is the one culpable!

And so it is with Gomer's sin, betrayal and unfaithfulness – our anger at her treatment of her faithful and loving husband soon turns itself to us and how our own hearts so callously and wantonly hurt the heart of our Saviour. "...but that which I hate, that I do." (Romans 7:15).

It is good to periodically examine ourselves, isn't it? (1 Corinthians 11:31). It is good to quickly and thoroughly repent and confess such attitudes and hardness of heart. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9).

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