

Sermon Notes

Follow the Lord and Him Alone, in Truth

Hosea 8:1-14

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

8:1-3 The Israelites had rejected relationship with the Lord, and rebelled against the Lord's law.

They had rejected the true good because they had rejected the Lord and His ways.

8:4-6 In things like politics and religion, the Israelites showed they were going another way, other than following the Lord.

They made idols (gods) for themselves, but they were not God.

8:7-14 Israel would be destroyed as the consequences of turning away from the Lord.

8-10 Hosea uses three images to convey how Israel had emptied itself of resources. Their political alliance would break down, and they would be left alone, helpless, easy targets for attack.

They should have just turned to the Lord.

Irony 1: They built stone alters to make sacrifices, for forgiveness of sins, but the altars themselves became sin.

(Ref.: 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Irony 2: The Lord gave His written word, the OT law, to His special people, but they regarded it as not belonging to them, and/or even despised it.

Irony 3: The Israelites were doing ritual sacrifices so the Lord would forget their sins, but the Lord would remember their sins and punish them, because they had forgotten the Lord.

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

Suggested related reading: 2 Timothy chapters 3-4

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