

Sermon Notes

Take Words with You and Return to the Lord He Will Take Away Your Sin and Love You Freely

Hosea 14:1-9

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

14:1-3 The people of Israel were encouraged to return to the Lord, and express that they wanted the Lord to forgive their sins, and wanted Him to accept their turning and confessing as the way to make things right with the Lord. Also they should express they would not depend on the things they had been depending on away from the Lord.

Repentance is turning away from our ways, sinful ways, and turning back to the Lord and His ways.

No matter how bad things have gotten with you, the Lord is willing to receive you back and forgive you.

Talk to Him and make it right.

If Israel gave up depending on all the things they had, they might feel like they had nothing and would be alone (like an orphan), but the Lord would show mercy, take them in and care for them.

14:4-8 If Israel were to return to the Lord and confess their sins, this is what the Lord's response would be - healing their relationship, loving them, turning away His anger and thus their punishment, and restoring them and being good to them.

14:9 A challenge to be those who are wise

When somebody has given a message from the Lord, a hearer who is wise, will think about and ponder what has been said, in order to learn the full lesson, and live according to it.

When you hear the word of the Lord, will you view it like a treasure map to follow, because it can help your life?

Application: ways of repentance and confession

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

Suggested related reading: John 15:1-11, 1 John 1:9

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