

Israel – Wanderers Among the Nations

Hosea 9

Introduction:

1. Hosea 9:9 sums it up perfectly - Israel had deeply corrupted themselves.
2. Because they had strayed from the Lord, soon they would be judged and scattered, wandering among the nations. 9:17
3. Israel failed to _____ to God's Word. They rejected God's Word as illustrated by three different geographical locations mentioned in this chapter.

Gibeah – an illustration of defiant _____ - _____. vs. 9

1. The tragic story of Gibeah is found in Judges 19-21.
2. What is the answer to defiant self-will? The answer is _____ and _____.
 - In Hosea's day, the nation of Israel refused to repent and turn to God.
 - The result would be the same as Gibeah - utter destruction. 9:6
3. Christian, when God's Word uncovers and confronts areas of self-will in your life, the answer is to quickly repent and _____ humbly to God.
2 Corinthians 7:9-11

Peor – an illustration of _____ companionship. vs. 10

1. Before Israel crossed the Jordan River into their promised land, they were encamped at a city at Mount Peor. The tragic story of Israel's idolatry is recorded in Numbers 25.
2. Instead of being a spiritual _____ to the pagan people around them, Israel had joined themselves to the false gods and idolatrous practices of these people.
3. Israel was to be a separate people, set _____ unto the Lord.
4. Christian, God's call to us is very similar today. God expects us to be a _____ people unto Him. Just as evil companionship destroyed Israel, it will destroy the believer today. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Gilgal – an illustration of true _____ turned corrupt. vs. 15

1. Gilgal had a glorious history for the nation of Israel. Joshua 4:19 - 5:10
2. Yet in Hosea's day, Gilgal had become a _____ for idolatry. Gilgal stood as a symbol of true worship turned corrupt. 9:15
3. Christian, the Bible says that God is looking for true worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and in _____.
 - *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23-24*

Conclusion:

1. Hosea uses three geographical locations to press home a point to Israel. These three places should have served as vivid reminders to Israel of the dead end street they were heading down.
2. It wouldn't be long and Israel would no longer have the opportunity to go to the house of the Lord and _____ Him. They would be wanderers in foreign lands. 9:3-4
3. The reason was really very simple - they would not hearken unto Him. 9:17
4. Christian, never turn away from the Word of God. _____ and _____ it!