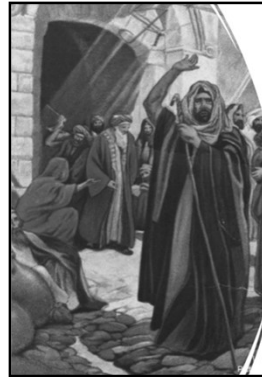


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“But God never delights in judgment, which is His strange work, but takes pleasure in mercy and favor. True, Israel is worthy of punishment, but God’s love must be reckoned with as well.”

—Charles L. Feinberg

God doesn’t delight in judgment, but takes pleasure in mercy and favor.

- Chapter 10: Sowing God’s Judgment
 - Vine (vv 1-10)
 - Heifer (vv 11-15)
- Chapter 11: Reaping God’s Love
 - His past love (vv 1-4)
 - His current love (vv 5-8)
 - His future love (vv 9-11)

Israel ~ Vine

- Isaiah 5:1-4: beloved had a vineyard...choicest vine...he expected it to produce good grapes, but it only produced worthless ones
- Jeremiah 2:21: ...like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?
- Psalm 80:8-10:...removed a vine from Egypt, cleared ground...took deep root and filled the land



Their heart is faithless (divided)

- Charge: Going through the motions of worshipping God, but making altars to false gods at the same time. (vv 1-2)
- Judgment: God will break down altars, destroy sacred pillars. King would be of no use. (vv 2-3)

Truth versus Lies

- Charge: They twisted justice by making false promises, false oaths, false agreements, and frivolous lawsuits. (vv 4)
- Judgment: Nation destroyed, idols they trusted carried away, political system and king ruined. (vv 5-8)

Moral Depravity

- Charge: Moral depraved as at Gibeah (v 9)
- Judgment: Chastisement for all to see, double guilt/sin/iniquity
 - Two calves: Dan and Bethel, or
 - Jeremiah 2:13: abandoned God, made cisterns that can't hold water

Trained Heifer

- **Charge:** They were fat cows: prosperous and self-indulgent. (v 11)
- **Judgment:** Harnessed by Assyria and put to work. (vv 11-14)

***“Sow with a view to
righteousness,
Reap in accordance with kindness;
Break up your fallow ground,
For it is time to seek the Lord until
He comes to rain righteousness on
you.”***

—Hosea 10:12

Reap what you sow...

- You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped injustice, you have eaten the fruit of lies. (v 13)
- You have trusted in your numerous warriors, you'll be destroyed by war. (13-14)
- Sow contrary to God's will, reap a harvest of God's displeasure and judgment. (v 15)

Spiritual Farming

- What are you sowing?
- What are you reaping?
2 Cor. 9:6
- Do you have fallow ground?
- Do you need pest control?



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- **Jeremiah 29:13** And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.
- **Matthew 6:33** But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.

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- **Chapter 11: Reaping God's Love**
 - His past love (vv 1-4)
 - His current love (vv 5-8)
 - His future love (vv 9-11)

His Past Love (v 1-4)

- **God's Love:** When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son. (v 11:1)
- **Israel's Response:** The more they called them, the more they went from them; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and burning incense to idols. (v 11:2)

His Past Love (v 3)



His present love (v 5-8)

- Israel's response: They refused to return to Him. (vv5-7)
- God's response: How can I give you up? How can I surrender you? How can I utterly destroy you? My heart is turned over within Me, all my compassions are kindled. I will not execute My fierce anger.... (v 8-9)



“For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.”

—Hosea 11:9

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His future love

- Israel's response: They will walk after the Lord....trembling from the west...trembling like birds from Egypt...like doves from land of Assyria
- God's response: I will settle them in their houses.

**“...that He might be just and
the justifier of the one who
has faith in Jesus.”**

—Romans 3:26

“He came,
who is the brightness of the Father’s glory and express image of
His person,
and in Him I see how righteousness and peace meet together,
and God can be just and the justifier.
Through Him the claims of justice which are against my soul are all
met.

Through Him the glory of holiness is maintained; for His
redemption of the human souls is not a pity that agrees to ignore
sin; but a power that cancels it and sets it free from its dominion.
Through Him the loved one is regained, restored, renewed...into
focused unity in Jesus.

God says of you, of me, “How can I give thee up?
I will not...I will not...I will not...I will not...”

—G Campbell Morgan

**“But how? I am God and not man, I am the
Holy One. Through Christ He has made the
way by which sinning souls can be conformed
to His image, His likeness, His will. The
gospel is gleaming in Hosea. It is shining in
full radiance in Christ Jesus.”**

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