

Lessons from the Prophets, Series 1

Lessons from Prophet Hosea



One of the most used versus of the Bible comes from Hosea 4:6 **“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children”**. Prophet Hosea delivered a message of repentance and warning to a backslidden Israel who had become like a whore with other nations.

As Prophets of Truth, there are many lessons we can learn from the Prophet Hosea but the greatest of these is that God can call upon a prophet to do more than just speak. As vessels of God, we can be used anyway God

pleases for the purpose of His Divine plan. God used the life of Prophet Hosea to send a powerful message to a sinful Israel.

God called upon Prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute. Hosea would have faced much ridicule from the public at choosing a harlot for a wife during a time when a wife was selected according to her purity. We can only imagine what was going through Hosea’s mind upon hearing these instructions but his strong belief in God overcame any doubts and he obeyed. Today, we have a false notion about prophecy in which the role of the prophet is confined to the pulpit and speaking but the life of Prophet Hosea proves otherwise. God can send a message in many ways.

Sometimes the trials and tribulations we suffer as prophets is part of a Divine message. Prophet Hosea was obedient to God until the very end and maintained good character and conduct throughout. In our sufferings today it is important that we too, maintain good conduct and character because we are sending a message, the world is watching those of us who call ourselves prophets/prophetess of God.

I have stated many times throughout this ministry that a prophet is held to a higher standard than most workers of God because of the message we carry.

Prophet Hosea teaches us that this message can be carried through many ways. Some prophets don't have to speak a word, their life is the message. Prophet Hosea's wife, Gomer represented Israel because of her whoring ways while Hosea symbolized the ever patient, devoted love of God for Israel. Throughout the book of Hosea, God warns Israel of her wicked ways. If Hosea had not obeyed God he would have become a part of the wickedness and suffered God's punishment along with Israel.

Hosea 8:14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Today, America and the world have backslidden just as Israel did during the days of Hosea. People are turning away from God and chasing idols while others have found solace in the sinful pleasures of our society. God will call upon His prophets to do unusual things in these times because He is sending a message of repentance and warning.

In these days of short attention spans, instant technologies and a society who has literally "seen it all" a simple message sometimes does not quite make it and God has to act out His message to the people through the lives of His prophets.

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