

Hosea: Love & Judgment (2)

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us ..." Ephesians 2:4 (New King James Version)

God will sometimes _____, but His _____ is always present.

God's Declarations Of Love In The Prophecy Of Hosea

A. Powerful images employed by God for this purpose:

1. The amazing love of a forgiving husband:
 - a. 1:2 - Hosea was told to marry a wife of _____. After bearing ___ children, she _____ Hosea.
 - b. 3:1-3 - God told the prophet to go _____ his wife again. That involved having to _____ her freedom.
 - c. 4:12 - God's experience with _____ was similar to Hosea's with Gomer. Israel played the "_____".
2. The tender love of a parent:
 - a. 11:1-4 - God felt about Israel as a parent toward a _____.
 - b. 11:7 - But Israel was bent on _____.
 - c. 11:8,9 - But God was not like _____; He would not fully _____ His _____ on His people.

B. Powerful statements of love directed toward Israel:

1. 6:1-3 - If Israel would _____, they would find _____.
2. 10:12 - God calls for them to _____ righteousness. If they would _____ God, He would rain _____ on them.
3. 14:1-4 - If they will return, God will _____ their _____ and _____ them _____.

Echoes Of God's Love Throughout The Bible

- A. Exodus 34:5-7 - When God _____ Himself to _____, He stressed His _____, though He would also _____ the sins of the rebellious.
- B. God's amazing love and mercy in the Christian age:
1. Romans 5:6-8 - God _____ His _____ by Christ's _____ for us.
 2. Ephesians 2:4-6 - Because of God's _____ love, He made us _____ and raised us to _____ places.
 3. 1 Timothy 1:15,16 - If Christ would save the _____ of sinners, He will surely save _____.

Augustine: "God loves _____ of us as if there were only _____ of us."

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