

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word.

Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life

May 12, 2023 - Israel's Punishment - [Hosea 6:1-10:15](#)

Open It

1. What are some childhood friendships that went sour by the time you were an adult, and what drove you apart?
2. If a close friend betrayed you, how would you tend to respond (for example, tell others about it, keep it close to your heart, deny that it happened, write down your feelings, etc.)?
3. When do you usually like to say what you think and show your feelings, and when do you prefer to keep your thoughts and emotions to yourself?

Explore It

4. How would a penitent Israel respond to the Lord? ([6:1-3](#))
5. What was the Lord's answer to Israel? ([6:4-11](#))
6. What did God want from His people? ([6:6](#))
7. What were Israel's crimes against the Lord? ([6:11-7:16](#))
8. What had happened to Israel's kings? ([7:6-7](#))
9. To whom had Israel turned for help? ([7:8-9](#), [11](#), [16](#))
10. How did God's people show that they had forgotten Him? ([8:1-14](#))
11. How was Israel's hostility punished? ([9:1-9](#))
12. What were the consequences of Israel's idolatry? ([9:10-17](#))
13. What was at the heart of affluent Israel's religion? ([10:1-8](#))

14. How severe was God's judgment against His people? ([10:9-15](#))
15. Why did God hold out the possibility of repentance and blessing? ([10:12](#))

Get It

16. Why did Israel deserve God's judgment?
17. How often do we need to confess our sins to the Lord?
18. Why is God's mercy and grace important?
19. Why is God's mercy and grace important to you personally?
20. In what ways do we always struggle against sin in our life?
21. What does God want us to learn from Israel's negative example of disobeying to the point of needing to be punished?
22. In your view, how does the church today compare with faithless Israel?
23. What are some of the "idols" you encounter in your own experience?
24. What "idols" do you need to give up in order to serve the Lord?
25. How would you describe your walk with the Lord in the past few weeks?
26. What is your heartfelt attitude toward your ministry and service in the church?
27. How have you ultimately benefited from the Lord's discipline and judgment in a specific instance?

Apply It

28. How can you work on improving your closeness and devotion to the Lord this week?
29. What can you do each day this week to remind yourself of God's hold on your life?
30. For what act of grace or mercy do you want to thank God?